

After the shooting had subsided, and Mr. Rorer had inspected the guards on the left of the building, and I had inspected those on the way to the lakeshore on the right, Special Agents Newman and Baum were sent to Mr. Voss's residence two miles away to telephone the airport at Rhinelander, leaving word as to how Mr. Hanni and his party should contact a guide left there with Agent Suran in order to reach us. They made the telephone call and returned; and in view of the amount of shooting, it was then decided it would be well for Special Agent Newman to return to telephone the Sheriff to the effect that the raid was being conducted by Federal officers so that any complaint reaching him, either from inside the house which we had surrounded or from any resident in the neighborhood, would not lead to the result that the Sheriff would make an attack on us from the rear. Mr. Newman asked that Agent Baum be permitted to accompany him, and I agreed that this should be done.

Subsequently, Emil, the owner of the inn, had been permitted to go to the home of his father-in-law to get his coat as he was in his shirt sleeves. He returned several minutes later with information that somebody was holding up a house in which there was a telephone, about one and a half or two miles away, and that the members of the family in the house, as well as our own Special Agents, were being held up by this bandit. Agents equipped with machine guns were immediately dispatched to the scene, and they returned with the information that Special Agent Baum had been killed and Special Agent Newman injured; and that Mr. Hanni had arrived shortly after the shooting and had made arrangements, and already Agent Baum's body was being carried to the CCC Camp Hospital for examination and treatment, if he were still alive, although Agent Hall, who had arrived with Mr. Hanni, stated that Agent Baum was positively dead. Mr. Hanni took Agent Newman and a constable who had been wounded to a hospital at Ironwood, Michigan, several miles away. The agents who returned stated that there was absolutely nothing further to be done and we needed all our men to keep those believed to be inside the house from making an escape, as we felt sure that they would attempt to do so before daylight.

Fearing that someone had escaped from one of the garages or outhouses and might seek reinforcements among the outlaws, one of the agents was placed in a position between the house and the entrance to the roadway leading off the highway to the house, while another agent was placed rather deep in a wooded area, to prevent any surprise attack from the rear.

We held our positions, keeping the house under constant observation, until daylight; and the only sign of life in the house was on one occasion when a light went out in one of the rooms on the first floor. At just before daybreak, we were informed that the Sheriff with a posse were stationed about a mile away, waiting for daybreak, and they expected to come to join us. This information was brought by Emil, the owner of the inn, and we informed Emil that they might approach, if they cared to. Just at daybreak, the posse began approaching and I went down to meet them and inquired as to their identities and aided in distributing them and see that they would be able to approach our agents on each side in such a manner that our agents would not mistake them for some of the bandit gang. The Sheriff was in charge of the group, although there were several individuals who were rather hot-headed and wanted to either burn down the house or blindly walk into it; and the Sheriff asked me our plans and I told him that we planned to immediately begin throwing gas into the house in order to gas out the occupants, which would be preferable to our going in and give the bandits the advantage. He agreed that this was wise. Several gas shells were fired at the house but were not successful in penetrating even the glass of the windows, when the accuracy of the guns was such as to cause the shells to hit the windows. They bounced back after striking the glass. Some gas, however, was introduced after continued firing in this manner; and later, one of the agents threw gas grenades into the building. Some rifle shots were fired through the windows, these shots apparently having been fired by some of the Deputy Sheriffs.

At this time, a woman's voice came from the building, asking them to quit firing, and we told them to come out with their hands up, and three girls came out. These are the three girls who are now being held in the Madison, Wisconsin, jail.

We had to wait a considerable time before the gas subsided enough for us to make an examination of the inside; and no one was found to be occupying the premises when it was examined.

I then proceeded with Mr. Purvis, leaving an ample detail at the house, to the home of Mr. Voss to telephone the Director such information as I had personally observed, as well as such information as had been furnished me concerning the shooting of Agents Baum and Newman.

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*The* Squadron was organized into details, one group to make the investigation concerning the shooting of Agent Baum, and the other to conduct investigation and collect the facts and evidence relative to the shooting around the inn, and a group of three men to begin the location of the equipment, automobiles, etc.

Upon receipt of advice from the Director to cause agents to proceed promptly to the St. Paul and the Chicago offices, and on being informed that one of the individuals who had stolen an automobile had been heard to make inquiries concerning the location of Highway No. 8 leading towards St. Paul, I left Mr. Rorer with Agents Melvin and Hardy of the St. Paul office, together with the agents, whose names were furnished the Director by telephone, from the Chicago office, to continue the investigation and to look after the body of Agent Baum, as well as another agent to look after Special Agent Newman, who was injured. Mr. Rorer was left in charge.

When Emil came out of the house with his hands raised, he was shown photographs and he identified Van Meter, Dillinger, Carroll and Hamilton as the occupants of the premises; and he stated that he believed at that time that these four men were occupying a certain room in the building in which the lights were not burning.

Very truly yours,

  
H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

HHC:EVS

Air Mail

APR 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

(2) Miss Flora G. Orr, of the St. Paul News, telephoned to inquire concerning the statement made by Senator Copeland to the effect that there is a lack of cooperation between Federal and local authorities. I of course informed her that there is no basis for this statement, although I asked not to be quoted.

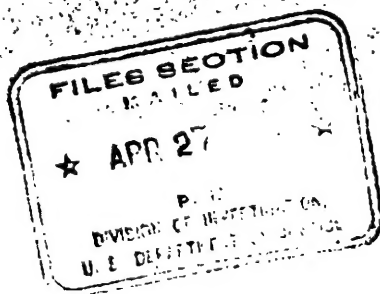
Mr. Randall, of the Associated Press, telephoned to inquire concerning the petition being circulated requesting the suspension of Mr. Purvis.

Mr. Frank Waldrop of the Washington Herald also called in regard to the petition.

Mr. Harry Gusack of Universal Service telephoned to inquire concerning the petition. He also referred to comments made by Mr. Glander in Michigan and by the Director of Public Safety in Indiana concerning the Dillinger case.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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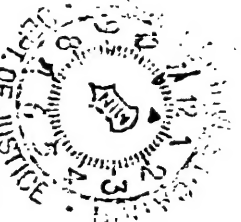


Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 26, 1934

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DIVISION ONE  
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE



Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER,  
with aliases, I.O. 1217;  
et al. NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT. HARBORING FUGITIVE  
FROM JUSTICE. St. Paul File 26-2434.

Dear Sir:

By parcel post there was forwarded to the  
Division April 25, 1934, one Thompson Submachine gun taken in  
the raid conducted at Little Bohemia, Wisconsin. This gun  
was forwarded as per instructions from Mr. Clegg.

#6315

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WH:IM

*Sent to  
cc office  
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G.B.*

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Apr. 24-34

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover at Mr. Roosevelt  
Washington D.C. Please Mr. Hoover  
Thank you.  
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Dear Mr. Hoover -

In God's name I  
come to you: I have not wait any  
day - like little David of old - in the  
name of the Lord of hosts I come  
to thee - I'm about Dieringer I  
want to tell you - after all in  
God's name - this day will  
the Lord deliver me into my  
hands - that all the earth  
may know there is a God in  
Washington - and so little David  
killed the old giant  
there - was - us - sword -  
hand - of David - Please Mr. Hoover  
I entreat you - I beg you to please  
me 2/8

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
Mr. Hoover  
Please

be patient. - Bear with me - there are  
some things - you should know -  
some things I told you. Paul went  
of Indiana + I told Mr. Roosevelt  
too - I wrote in care of Louis Howe  
the one time - enclosing pictures  
of my little girl - after that  
I wrote Mr. Curtis Hall - she  
was very kind to me - I will see  
that your letter gets to my  
father - I wanted to tell Mr.  
Roosevelt about Bishop Brown who  
was "disposed for heresy" - He is  
real old. It wasn't right - + the  
bishops now it wasn't right!  
I thought the President might  
tell the bishops to take Bishop  
Brown + then I...

But it was <sup>2</sup>mostly about my  
little girl. I wrote - my promise  
little girl - I felt Mr. Roosevelt  
would want to know there is a  
promised child living today! I  
guess folks don't always believe  
me - But it's no matter if they  
do or if they don't - Many of the  
Episcopal bishops believed me - or  
they said they were "deeply touched"  
and "impressed" - esp. dear dear Bishop  
Brewster of Maine - + Bp. Brainerd  
of Mass. - + Bp. Freeman was  
kind + of course all of them  
didn't answer me - 50 did or  
maybe 60 - the older ones were  
always kind - Before I go on  
I go back to John Dillinger - But

just - I forgot - I was ~~going~~ to tell  
you I'm not an Evangelist.  
I'm not anything - my parents were  
friends or teachers. Now for J.D.  
I've tried so hard - to help the kid  
I mean - Can't you see - you can  
see can't you there is some  
supernatural power protecting +  
keeping John safe never?! Some  
divine power I feel sure. I guess  
God has other plans for J.D.  
than the "chain" - I guess God  
can send down just one angel  
more powerful than all the police  
and the machine guns or army.  
It is a beautiful lot - 1000 shall  
fall at my left hand - and 10000  
at my right but no chain

shall ~~come~~<sup>be</sup> near you & is very  
strange about Dillinger for so  
long time. We been praying for  
the kid - back in Jan. I was  
deeply hurt over his arrest in  
Ames - not his arrest - rather  
his pitiful appeal for mercy -  
a kind of childish heartbreak in  
every word - "We be back" and I  
can't forget. I'll remember you  
and you - and you - I was almost  
very ill - with a nervous break  
& a violent cough - and I  
just looked at his pictures two  
blinding tears - I thought of  
that one who cried out - human  
caring for my soul - the state



him so. & I guaranteed - you remember?  
The days passed by. But I didn't  
forget - it's funny I guess - all  
those weeks I wrote other letters  
to bishops & scholars (esp. scholars)  
and Mr. Crossley at W-L-W<sup>Can.</sup> & to  
everybody & Dr. Redman and  
Father Congerlin - I asked all of  
them to pray - and this is about  
what I said about Deeniger -  
- and notice I can write. I know  
the angels tonight - are watching  
over Crow-Point jail - at last  
I wrote - the very minute I  
sealed my letter to Crow-Point  
jail some poor fellow was  
being carried to chair up at

Which. Q<sup>th</sup> - unconscious & breath  
to death - the warden said to  
= satisfy the state - to satisfy  
the state - God: how heartless  
how cruel: that warden is going  
to get a letter from me: the  
poor man - after that I tried to  
forget - I couldn't. I just cried  
all night - not in anger - the  
hurt was past - Surely the angels  
were weeping in Heaven - all the  
damnable murders - by chain - by  
rope & by gas - b: it is not right  
Surely you can see & understand  
the burden of my heart - So lay  
as - I live - so - deep - me god I  
shall do all I can for me to stop  
capital punishment. I live - I live -

Mooseheart I'll do something too.  
He seems so kind. And want you  
too. Try to stop capital punishment?  
They call Dillinger a fugitive from  
justice - justice?? What is  
justice?? There isn't any justice.  
There isn't any mercy anywhere  
any more - we don't hardly even  
hear one word about our  
crooked bankers - + our other  
crooks. I ressed up gangsters  
what all they are - Fr. Conklin  
is right - J.B. said he could  
rob some bank in 3 min. + 40 sec  
that was funny - we know  
some - folks - who - can rob a


12.

we are silent <sup>5</sup> and we are afraid.  
I just wish I were a man - If I  
were a man I'd start something  
believe me - Fr. Congerlin tried to  
start something - for so long time  
I asked Congerlin to please go to  
Washington - and Robt Bricker  
too of Cleveland - The Robt is  
so kind + so wise - Bishop Brannan  
says they are - I wish I had time  
to tell you about the entire  
girl who was to hang down in  
Miss. in Jackson. on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
But she didn't hang. She was  
just only a poor entire black girl  
main all she was. It mattered  
not to me that she was black.

Have we not all are Father? I  
asked Bishop Brant in December  
to please see the Governor. Of course  
her heart was broken - my heart  
been broken too - she killed her  
husband - He was unjust - of the  
Bishop couldn't see the Governor.  
I mean if the Governor wouldn't  
be merciful then to please see  
the girl - I knew she was afraid -  
there were other entreaties too - Mrs.  
Brant too I guess - the Gov.  
of Minn. was merciful and  
some time I hope to see that  
little black girl up in Heaven -  
only she want be black - like a  
beautiful lot. that there was

right or are <sup>6</sup> caution or, even are  
main caution preacher in Heaven and  
not are little negro up here. I  
wish I could tell you about the  
night I prayed all night for  
Bundy was wanting. Brown & John  
not about the night but later  
about the time were that was  
all I am in. The letter of  
fire-like a voice. You have not  
chosen me. I have chosen you  
and ordained you — and now I  
don't stop & wait & wander anywhere  
(I haven't time) if I am ordained by  
God. if I am anointed or appointed  
I must be about my Father's  
business — So am the night



him in. I've tried to remember  
I wanted to write you long ago.  
So many letters to write - all  
day & all night - and I do get  
tired sometimes - I was telling you  
about the night I wrote to  
Ernest - about Jack - I enclosed the  
entire pictures of my entire life  
to Johnny Dillinger - please - this  
was an hour - night - and I  
was free on Sat. 3rd - that  
all I know - I was so glad. I  
guess - I do honest believe some  
angel came right down from  
Heaven & watched over him  
and protected him - there's a  
beautiful way. 

mine anointed? + do my prophecy as  
I have - all Saturday night I  
was praying for John Dillinger  
and Sunday I was praying too  
and Sunday night - I feel there  
is some divine plan back of it all  
and folks better be careful - they  
better go slow - J. Dillinger could  
do great things for God - even  
before me I see and hear - I hear  
a voice - <sup>Rev. 3-8</sup> Behold! I have set  
before you an open door - and no  
man can shut it - an open door -  
a prison - door. If only I could  
go - to those poor men - the prison

now. I see ~~it~~ being so there are  
many more. 2 times - this is my  
home. I was born in old Loghouse  
down in the pine woods in N. Carolina  
but at heart I'm a Hoosier &  
even shall be. I said I was going  
to write about J.D. This is mostly  
about me. I hope the govt. folks  
in Washington will pray over this  
and be merciful to Dr. King -  
Please be merciful. The poor kids  
J.D. hasn't any mother to pray  
for him & they made a  
mistake out of him up at  
Knox. City - and another time  
there wouldn't be any more

They would <sup>of</sup> call on him to surrender.

O. Jim glad I can pray. I can  
always pray - how I'll tell you  
about the promised little girl - and  
you must believe me - I told Mr.  
Herbert Hoover too. It does seem so  
very strange I didn't run out that  
morning and tell the neighbors. But  
I didn't. I didn't tell anybody. I just  
wish I could tell everybody in the  
world who doesn't believe in God.  
That's why I told Clarence Benson  
I do feel so sorry for Mr Benson.  
He looks so unhappy - well: it  
was one Friday morning in March  
we lived in old house at 1106 E.  
New York St Indianapolis Ind - I  
was alone & in great sorrow. It was

And then I looked up & I said - I tried to  
say - "Lord - I thank you for - praying  
mother" - that was all I said. I quess  
was going to pray a long time -  
I never got any further - for right then  
all of a sudden - just like lightning -  
some knowledge so clear & so sweet came  
over me (it was overwhelming) that I  
would have the baby girl - it just  
seemed like Heaven came down all  
around me - the whole world was all  
transformed & beautiful & shining & lovely.  
And I felt like - I felt like I loved  
everybody in the world - I thought the Bad  
Bandit Dillinger would be touched over  
the entire girl - He remembers my "praying  
mother" & the rest. He may not remember  
me - You see Johnny's folks live next to  
my folks in Indiana - how merciful  
He is!!

Faithfully yours

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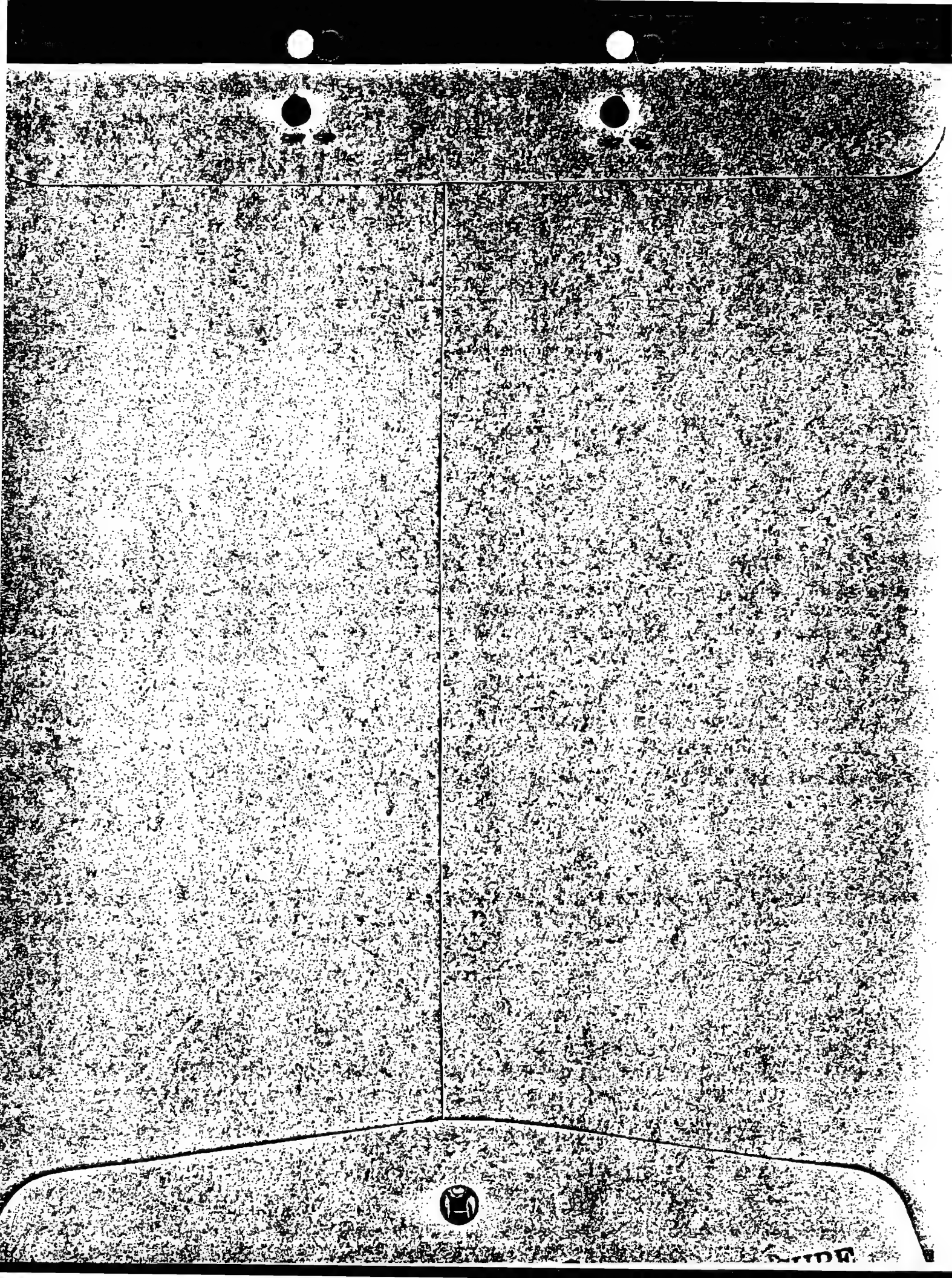
Eulalia C. Alexander

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Morris & 2 others  
CCC workers



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**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  

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men to work, and  
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# READY TO MEET 'DILLINGER ISSUE' THIS CAMPAIGN

## Hopes to Prove "Who Paid Money and Who Got It" in Escape of 19 Convicts.

[Special to The Indianapolis Star.]  
KOKOMO, Ind., March 20.—A hint that money changed hands and paved the way for the break of ten desperate convicts from Indiana State Prison last September was given by Governor Paul V. McNutt as he delivered a fighting address before local Democrats tonight.

The Governor made his statement while speaking on injection of the "Dillinger issue" into the coming political campaign, a development he said he welcomed.

"One day I will have enough proof as to who paid the money and who got it," Mr. McNutt said in referring to the prison break.

The Governor devoted the early part of his address to economics he said the administration had effected.

"Resorting to Slander"

"They can't find anything wrong with that and they are now resorting to slander, and I am told they intend to make Dillinger an issue in the campaign. I hope they do."

"Dillinger was tried before a Republican judge in Morgan county. The judge and prosecutor took him out and told him if he would tell certain things they would let him off with a lighter sentence. They didn't keep their word, but gave him a ten-to-twenty-year sentence, while they gave his partner, a man with a former criminal record, two to fourteen years and released him at the end of two years."

"This made a criminal of Dillinger. This same judge recommended a parole. It was accompanied by a statement from the man he (Dillinger) attempted to rob and accompanied by a petition signed by 100 people from Mooresville."

The Governor then talked of Dillinger's parole and commented that "he wasn't ready to go right" at that time. Representation was made, he said, that the parole man would return to his father's farm and help there, but the Governor commented that "his father hasn't seen much of him, I expect."

Terms Shakeup Incomplete.  
"Some day," Mr. McNutt con-

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## Resident Home in Pa.

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## EAGLE

eight of his gangsters escaped battles in which reports of several four, and the wounded at eight. Three women members of the gang McGregor, holding them in jail at Iron

## Local Woman Denies Part in Alleged Plot

Mrs. Eulalia Callender, corner Harding Way West and North Union Street, today denied that she was the author of the letters which had been regarded as part of the plot to free three members of the John Dillinger gang from the Ohio State prison.

Mrs. Callender said that she had written a letter to Wayne McCoy, secretary to Governor Paul V. McNutt, of Indiana, and that she also had written to Warden Preston E. Thomas of the Ohio prison, but that they did not contain the passages from the Bible which some authorities had considered significant in the alleged attempt to free the prisoners at the Ohio prison.

Mrs. Callender declared that she was opposed to capital punishment and had simply urged that the men not be made to die in the electric chair.

Certain passages of St. John's gospel were underlined in the letters intercepted by Warden Thomas. Mrs. Callender said she had nothing to do with these particular letters. She said the warden had received many letters similar to her own.

Mrs. Callender had tried to see Governor Paul V. McNutt shortly after Dillinger escaped from the Crown Point jail, but she was denied an audience. She knows the Dillinger family well, having resided as neighbors to them years ago in Indiana.

Captain Matt Leach of the Indiana State Police, in news stories broadcast today, had expressed the opinion that the Gallon woman was the author of the letters which were regarded as part of the plot.

## Gallon Boy Honored With Two Y. M. C. A. Posts

En- vation W. from Ch Those A fedd Carl constable John H John M Newn ing treat tal at wounds First came daughter

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er automobile, returner to offer assistance. Police learned the name of owner of the automobile through license numbers and went to home but he was not there.

## ELDER DILLINGER HAS HEARD FROM FUGITIVE, REPORT

[Special to The Indianapolis Star.] MOORESVILLE, Ind., March 20.—

John W. Dillinger, 39-year-old father of John (The Whittier) Dillinger, has received word from his son since the desperado broke from the Lake county jail on March 2, it was revealed tonight.

The elder Dillinger was reported to have imparted this information to a woman giving the name of Buldie Callender of Gallon, O., who appeared here this afternoon with the announcement that she had a "spiritual urge" to aid the noted outlaw. She said she was seeking all information she could gather on the fugitive, whom she referred to as "Johnny," in order to help him.

Dillinger the elder admitted only that he had heard from his son since the jailbreak, but refused to enlarge on this information, stating that "we're not saying much about that," it was reported.

## Wrote Dillinger, She Says.

The Callender woman displayed a letter from Louis Piquett, Chicago attorney for Dillinger. She also said she had written Dillinger on Friday before his escape and believed he had received the message. She said the letter contained photographs of her 4-year-old daughter.

The visitor said she had called on Governor Paul V. McNutt this afternoon but was refused audience, being requested to return another time.

## \$50,000 Damage Suit Filed Against McAdoo

NEW YORK, March 20.—(F)—William Gibbs McAdoo Jr., whose Sunday night dinner in a Yorkville cafe has ended in a \$50,000 damage suit called it "a holdup game" to

with. 1522. Company. dard against. 14423. As. C. C. Oral at 1934, at 10 a. 14789. Mink Trust Company. S. C. Oral at 1934, at 2 p. m. 14823. South. Smith. St. Joe. is not for March. hour on each day. 15123. Farmer vs. Peoples Trust. parts C. C. Ap. to file amended. 15156. Estate. art. Marion F. 15175. William shall C. C. Ap. is granted time. 15017. Brande Boren et al. D. granted time, it. 15217. Stab. porte S. C. E. rora. In term. 15218. Kanc. et al. St. Jose. ment of errors. SUITS FILED. 49169. Jams. Patoka. Div. FF. 3936. Union Wye West at SU. 75846. O. Howard. Div. 76631. The Divorce. C. 76632. Will Damages. R. 76632. Do. Divorce. Oec. 76632. Ha. Divorce. G. 76633. A. Associated Mortgage. 76634. O. man. Div. 76639. Dickey Stamp. 76639. laca. Div. 76630. ANKY.



...vevelt came yesterday, the As-  
...ress reported. Senator  
...O. Bulkley of Cleveland, a  
...ocrat, voted to sustain the pre-  
...sidential veto. Senator Simeon D.  
...ss of Yellow Springs, a Republi-  
...can, voted to override it.

## Galion Resident Seeks To Reform Outlaw Dillinger

GALION, O., March 29.—A "spiritual urge" to help reform John Dillinger, escaped notorious outlaw, has led Mrs. Eulalia Callender, Galion resident, to visit his 69-year-old father, John W. Dillinger, of Mooresville, Ind., to communicate with his attorney, Louis Piquett of Chicago, and to write to the outlaw himself.

Mrs. Callender has just returned from Mooresville where she called on Dillinger's father, who is a next-door neighbor of her brother. She talked with him for some time about his son.

On the Friday before the outlaw made his escape from the Crown Point, Ind., jail, Mrs. Callender sent him a letter containing a spiritual message and a photograph of her 4-year-old daughter. She believes that the outlaw received the letter before the jailbreak.

In response to Mrs. Callender's letter, the Chicago attorney expressed the belief that his notorious client "has come under the influence of God and that his days of outlawry are over." He thanked Mrs. Callender for her interest in the case.

Last week Mrs. Callender sought an audience with Paul V. McNutt, governor of Indiana, to talk with him in the interests of Dillinger. The request was refused but she was asked to return at a later date.

*William D. Spar*

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## Elder Dillinger Informs Galion Woman of His Son

John W. Dillinger, 69-year-old father of John "The Whittier" Dillinger, noted desperado and killer who has been sought by police throughout the nation since his daring escape from the Crown Point, Indiana, jail last month, told Mrs. Eulalia Callender, 136 Harding Way West, Galion, who visited at the elder Dillinger home recently and was once a close friend of the Dillingers before John became a bandit, that "he had received word from his son since he broke jail."

Mrs. Callender stated that the elder Dillinger had imparted this information to her. The Martinsville Republican, a newspaper published in Martinsville, Indiana, states that Mrs. Callender came to the Dillinger home because "she had a spiritual urge to aid the outlaw." She said she was seeking all information she could gather on the fugitive.

The elder Dillinger is a very devout Christian and has deplored greatly the steps taken by his son. He said he was glad that his son's killing career had been halted at the time he was placed in the Crown Point jail.

Dillinger the elder admitted to Mrs. Callender only that he had heard from his son since the jailbreak, but refused to enlarge on this information. Mrs. Callender also displayed a letter from Louis Piquett, Chicago attorney for Dillinger. She also said that she had written Dillinger on Friday before his escape and believed he had received the message. Mrs. Callender also called on Governor Paul V. McNutt to discuss the case, but was refused an audience and told to return another time.

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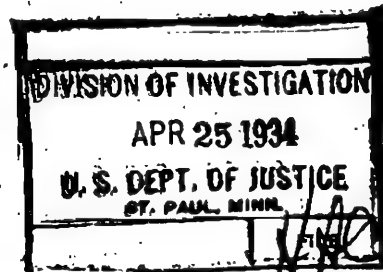
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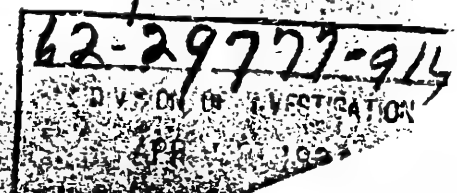
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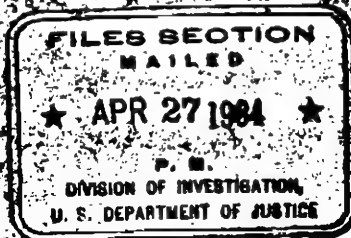
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 518,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

There is attached for your information a copy of a letter received from Chief of Police J. B. Webber, La Crosse, Wisconsin, furnishing information concerning Emil Wanatka, the proprietor of the "Little Bohemia" resort, near Hersey, Wisconsin.

From the information furnished, the Division has been unable to locate a criminal record of Emil Wanatka, but feels that your office should endeavor to obtain additional information through which his record, if any, can be located.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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April 27, 1934.

Mr. T. Von Viekursch,  
Editor,  
Philadelphia Daily News,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Von Viekursch:

I have just received and read with keen interest a copy of an editorial entitled "A Test of Endurance" in the April 23, 1934, issue of your paper, in which you express the opinion that the authorities will eventually effect the apprehension of John Dillinger.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation and that of the Division of Investigation for this expression of confidence in the law enforcement authorities, of which the Division of Investigation is one, at present engaged in seeking to effect the apprehension of this desperado.

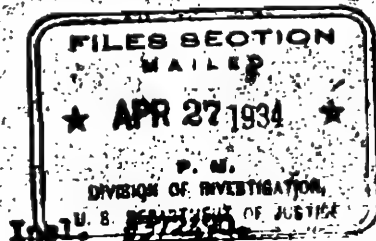
As of possible interest to you I am taking the liberty of inclosing a copy of a memorandum entitled "Statistics Compiled from Fingerprint Cards from January 1 to December 31, 1933", containing statistics and data compiled by this Division.

With my best wishes for the continued success of your publication, I beg to remain, with expression of my best regards,

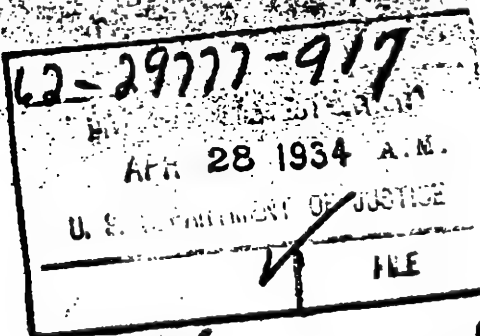
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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MR. QUINN	_____
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MR. ROBER	_____

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 27, 1934.

Mr. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. RORER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

S A C Hanni telephoned at 9:40 P.M. this evening stating that Mr. Rorer had telephoned him from Wisconsin and requested that he, Mr. Hanni, telephone the Division and assure the Director that all leads pertaining to George Nelson were being fully covered.

Mr. Hanni further stated that there was absolutely nothing to the rumor that Dillinger was in Duluth.

Respectfully,

*C. E. Kleinkauf*  
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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 26, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1217, et al.  
NATL. MOT. VEH. THEFT ACT.  
HARBORING FUG. FROM JUSTICE.  
St. Paul file No. 26-2434.

There is attached hereto a letter addressed to EVELYN  
FRECHETTE, care of Department of Justice, St. Paul, which was  
forwarded to this office and was delivered by me to the office  
of the United States Marshal. The Marshal later returned the  
letter, opened; and although it appears that the letter may be  
the work of a "nut", in view of the possibility that it may be  
a number code, the communication is being forwarded to the  
Division for study.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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Laboratory Report

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NMVTA. Harboring Fug. From Justice.

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Specimens: One letter consisting of two pages written in ink and beginning,  
"Miss Frechette - Are You on a telepathic chain."  
One envelope in which the above letter was mailed, postmarked  
Milwaukee, Wis., Apr 25, 1934, 730PM.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office  
Inspector H.H. Clegg.

Date received: April 30, 1934

Examination requested: General.

Result of examination:

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**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

**Department of Justice**

Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City

April 28th, 1934

Director,  
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RE: JOHN DILLINGER with aliases,  
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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to the telephonic conversation with Mr. Cowley of the Division this morning. Please be advised that I talked with Chief of Police, L. C. Abel of Binghamton, New York, concerning the reported appearance of JOHN DILLINGER at Binghamton on April twenty-seventh. Chief Abel advised me that his office received a call at approximately 11 P.M. on April twenty-seventh from a Dr. McCann who stated that there was someone in front of his place whom the police wanted; that at that time Dr. McCann made no mention of the name of DILLINGER. Chief Abel stated that this was handled as a routine matter and he proceeded to his home after which he was called by his Department and advised of further statements made by Dr. McCann.

Chief Abel advised that the substance of the information given by Dr. McCann is as follows: That the two cars drove up in front of his place of business containing six men and three women; that the makes of the cars were not known; that he believed, however, that they were both touring cars; that there were three men in the rear seat of the first car and one man driving; that drinks were ordered and he, McCann, took the same to the car and received payment for the drinks. He then placed a call to the Police Department notifying them that there was someone there whom the police wanted. However, before he could return the change to the purchasers of the drinks in the car, the same departed. The Chief did not have the information from McCann as to the size and number of the bill with which he was paid for the drinks. McCann stated that he had made a notation of a Wisconsin 1934 license which appeared on one of the cars and gave it as 10649. The other car, according to McCann, carried an Illinois license - number not known. Further

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information furnished by McCann was to the effect that the car headed East out of Binghamton which, Chief Abel tells me, would have enabled them to take one of two roads a short distance from Binghamton - one leading to Scranton, Pennsylvania and the other on through Hancock, New York. Chief Abel stated that he has known Dr. McCann personally for some time and that he considers him a man whose imagination is quite lively and a man who is not too reliable in his statements; that he has been subject to hallucinations in the past. Furthermore, Chief Abel stated that McCann has "a big head" this morning and he is quite positive that he was under the influence of liquor last night or he would hardly be in the condition he is in this morning. The Chief also stated that as far as McCann's statements as to seeing machine guns and other armament in the car is concerned, he believes the same is purely the result of McCann's imagination.

The Chief stated that he placed very little reliance on the story told by McCann; however, as a precautionary measure, he did furnish the same over the teletype giving the information that two cars carrying the six men and three women had left Binghamton and that one car was alleged to have been carrying 1934 Wisconsin license above mentioned while the other was believed to be carrying an Illinois license. Because of the unreliability of McCann, Chief Abel stated that he had not called the New York Division Office since he believed the whole story was based upon McCann's imagination. He also stated that there is no other verification of McCann's statements; that no one else, to his knowledge or as a result of his investigation, had been found who had seen the two above mentioned cars and their occupants.

Very truly yours,

*U. C. Zimmer*

V. C. ZIMMER, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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# DILLINGER UPSTATE, REPORT; TRAPS SET

(Special to The News)

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., April 27.—John Dillinger, his mob of killers and retinue of gun molls, were believed to have stopped here tonight for a quick drink before continuing a headlong flight eastward in two touring cars.

On advice from a man described by Binghamton police as an "exceptionally reliable citizen," an alarm was broadcast over the five States' police teletype system.

## Sees Dramatic Entry.

He saw the two cars roar into Binghamton at sixty miles an hour and stop on the wrong side of the street in front of a hotel cafe.

A guest in the hotel, the police informant was able to look down directly into the cars from his window.

He was amazed to see two tommy guns, and what appeared to be several pistols lying on the floor of one of the cars. He called police immediately. Soon after he called the cars had sped away toward Scranton.

## Six Men, Three Women.

When police arrived they learned from a waiter that the cars con-

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# DILLINGER UPSTATE, REPORT; TRAPS SET

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tained six men and three women. Three of the men were huddled in the rear seat of the first car. The fourth, driving, called for four drinks of whisky. When the waiter served him, the man took all the glasses and passed them to his companions, who sat with faces averted.

The waiter's suspicions were aroused when the men tossed him a bill, did not wait for change, and did not return the whisky glasses. The waiter memorized the license number of one of the cars, but did not have time to remember the other. The license number in possession of police was issued in Wisconsin. The other car, according to the waiter, carried Illinois plates.

Speeding east out of Binghamton, the men could take roads leading to Scranton, Pa., or to Hancock, N. Y. These and other cities were notified to be on the lookout by Binghamton Police Chief L. C. Abel.

## Dillinger Aid Robs Bank Near Chicago.

St. Paul, April 27 (AP).—Trails of the desperate men-at-arms of John Dillinger grew warm to-day.



George (Baby Face) Nelson  
Redskins take his trail.

since last Monday on the Indian reservation here. Last night he fled after spending several days in the home of an Indian, Ollie Catfish, who later reported the incident.

"We are convinced," Yecheb said, "that Nelson has escaped."

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them and Homer Van Meter and George (Baby Face) Nelson.

Van Meter was identified from photographs as one of five outlaws who swooped down just before noon today on the Villa Park Trust and Savings Bank in a Chicago suburb. Scooping up \$8,000 in cash, the raiders waved their shotguns at four terror-stricken employees, leaped into their car and swept away.

#### Gang Had Scattered.

With the identification of Van Meter, swaggering henchman of Dillinger in a daring raid on a Warsaw, Ind., police station arsenal several weeks ago, authorities were quick to theorize that the gang of seven who shot their way out of a trap laid by officials at Mercer, Wis., last Sunday night had scattered.

Word was flashed to police in southwest Michigan that an automobile believed to have been driven by the bandit had been sighted in that area. Sam Miller, a truck driver who said he once worked with Van Meter before the latter resorted to a livelihood by the gun, reported to State police that the suspected car containing the fugitive and a woman was speeding on U. S. Highway 131. State police posts at Jonesville, White Pigeon and other Michigan points were ordered to spread a net.

#### Posse Follows in Full Cry.

Heavily armed forces were in full cry on the path down a blind road near Squirrel Lake, Wis., which Nelson was reported to have taken in his frenzied attempt to elude the dogged posse.

Nelson, cherubic-faced mob man accused of the slaying of Federal Agent W. C. Baum in the Mercer battle, could not leave the lake in his machine except by the way he had entered it, officials said.

#### Dillinger Aid Cornered In Swamp, Is Report.

Lac Du Flambeau, Wis., April 27 (U.P.).—One of the Dillinger gangsters tonight was believed cornered by 100 Federal, State and local officers in a four-mile square swamp near here.

Deputy Sheriff William Yeschet, who operates the Crawling Stone Lodge in the vicinity, and who had spent the entire day hunting through the swamplands and forests, came in tonight to report that the manhunters believed they were near victory.

The man cornered was believed to be Tommy Carroll.

Yeschet's report was the first received for hours from the swamps today in search of George (Baby Face) Nelson, another Dillinger gangster.

Nelson definitely was reported today to have been hiding out

probably in St. Paul. "But in searching for Nelson, we found out that another fugitive dashed today into the swamps between here and Manitowish. We believe that this man was Carroll."

Yeschet said that the outlaws were closing in slowing on the swamp. The gangster, he said, definitely had been seen entering it.

Yeschet said that it might be hours before it is known whether the posse captured the gangster. It takes hours, he said, to get into or out of the swamp. Once a person gets outside it, he must walk several miles before he can get to a telephone.

Among those in the manhunt were Wisconsin State investigators and lumberjacks, most of whom carried double-bladed axes as weapons.

#### Vidler Held as Possessor Of Bremer Ransom Cash.

Chicago, April 27 (U.P.).—A suppressed warrant charging William E. Vidler, 34, an ex-convict, and several unnamed men with conspiracy to possess money obtained as ransom from Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, was issued tonight by United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker.

The warrant was suppressed because the Government did not wish to reveal the identity of the other men named in the conspiracy.

Federal agents said Vidler had \$2,665 of the \$200,000 ransom money paid by Bremer's family for his release from kidnapers in his possession when arrested.

The Government has information that Vidler had been in communication with John Dillinger and members of his gang, who were reported to have left behind them some of the Bremer ransom money when they fled from a northern Wisconsin resort several days ago, although this was denied officially today.

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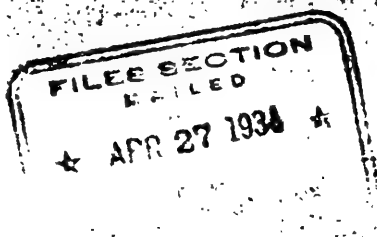
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

*Washington*

*K. W. C.*  
Mr. Rex Collier of the Star telephoned. He stated he had talked with Assistant Secretary Woodring and with Mr. Martin, Executive Assistant to Mr. Dern, in connection with a story he is preparing relative to use of Army planes by the Department of Justice. He stated both of these gentlemen indicated that they were quite certain that if a request for planes had been made of the War Department Sunday night in connection with the Dillinger matter, such request would certainly have been granted. Mr. Collier stated that he had previously heard rumors that requests for Army planes by the Department of Justice had been refused, he thought I would be interested in this information.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MR. NATHAN.....  
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MR. EDW. RDS.....  
MR. EOAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
CHIEF CLERK.....  
MR. RORER.....

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Clegg telephoned from St. Paul at approximately 3:30 p.m. He stated Mr. Rorer had just called him from Rhinelander, having just arrived there from Eagle River, Wisconsin. There is not any petition at Eagle River, and none had been heard of except what appeared in the paper concerning the one at Mercer. Mr. Rorer talked with the Sheriff, Tom McGregor, and also the Under-Sheriff. They stated they did feel bad because they weren't called in on the Little Bohemia matter, but Mr. Rorer explained the situation to them, and they seemed to be satisfied. What they feel worst about is Senator Copeland's statement that cooperation was not afforded. Sheriff McGregor stated to Mr. Rorer that at 10:15 on the night of the shooting he received a call from the home of Mr. Voss, which is about two miles away, at which time a Special Agent asked him to block all roads in an effort to prevent the escape of the Dillinger gang. The Sheriff immediately took steps to do that. He notified everybody possible to put their automobiles out of commission, for fear gangsters would attempt to steal them. The Sheriff also stated that shortly after the shooting of Agents Baum and Newman, he met Mr. Newman coming down the road with a Mr. Christianson driving. Mr. Rorer advised Mr. Clegg he had ascertained that after Mr. Baum was killed and Mr. Newman and Constable Christianson were shot, Agent Newman saw another person, whom he commanded to drive him down the road toward the Sheriff. On the way, they met the Sheriff. At this time the man driving the car identified himself. Up to this time Agent Newman had been unable to see because of the blood in his eyes. The Sheriff stated to Mr. Rorer that he had the greatest possible admiration for Mr. Newman; that when he appeared upon the scene Mr. Newman's eyes were filled with blood and it was trickling down his face, but in spite of this fact, he calmly and coolly inquired of the Sheriff as to his identity, and then informed him that there had been some shooting and that an official raid had occurred. During this time he was giving no attention to his own wound.

Mr. Rorer advised Mr. Clegg that he had in his possession a copy of today's Milwaukee Sentinel, in which there is an editorial. The editorial is a good one from our standpoint, stating that the criticism is unjustifiable; that the best possible work was done under the circumstances; and criticized the other papers for their criticism of our Division without knowing the facts. Mr. Rorer had not yet ascertained, at the time he talked with Mr. Clegg, whether a petition had been circulated at Rhinelander, but would call Mr. Clegg in the event he found there was such a petition. He will then proceed to Rhinelander.

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Respectfully,

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S. P. Cowley

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. X Cornell of the Associated Press called at 4:10 AM and stated that they had received a report earlier in the evening that one Al Johnson, Special Deputy Sheriff had had a gun fight with a person believed to have been George "Baby Face" Nelson at a point near Sollen Springs, Wisconsin and further that Johnson had been wounded in the fight and that there were a number of Agents present also. Mr. Cornell desired verification of the story I informed him that I had no information concerning it and thanked him for calling it to our attention.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik G. Peterson  
Erik G. Peterson.

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MR. LESTER....  
CHIEF CLERK...  
MR. ROSSER....

Agent Morton called from Cincinnati about 8:30 P.M. and advised concerning the report that three men had been seen today in a Ford car at Springfield, Ohio, one of them having bandages on his head; that the local constable there had seen the car go by, and when he went up town a contractor wishing to play a joke on the constable told him that the car had stopped at one of the local filling stations and the men had requested a doctor.

Agent Morton advised that the contractor's story was purely a lie, and the Mr. Connelley had asked him to report such to us.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
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MR. EDWARDS	
MR. EGAN	
MR. QUINN	
MR. LESTER	
CHIEF CLERK	
MR. ROBER	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Nathan at Chicago and read to him the statement prepared for the Attorney General in connection with the publicity in the Dillinger case and asked him for his views as to same. He stated that the statement is in three parts, the first dealing with the Wisconsin petition, the second with the Olander situation and the third with the Copeland statement. He stated that the first part, in his opinion, was too wordy; that in his opinion if the Attorney General said anything relative to the Wisconsin petition it should be done in three or four curt sentences, such as "The Department is clearly aware of the fact that this was initiated by newspaper men and that it has received no public support" without mentioning the names of the newspaper men or the names of the papers; that he would state that the Department is in a position to indubitably prove that this petition was initiated by two newspaper men and has received no public support of any kind or nature whatsoever, seven people only having signed it, in addition to the two newspaper men. Mr. Nathan stated that the reference to the Olander situation is O. K. He stated that on the Copeland angle he would hate for the Attorney General to quote the Director; that if the Attorney General will make the statement himself he thought it would be O. K. Mr. Nathan said that he was afraid of sending the statement regarding the Copeland angle as prepared as he did not know what kind of a bound it would take; that, as a matter of fact, he thinks it would be safer to send it up without Senator Copeland's name appearing in it and just state that the statement appearing in the press to the effect that this Division has not cooperated with law enforcement officials has caused considerable embarrassment particularly because it is not true; that this Division has received wholehearted support and secondarily because it has caused collaborators of the Division to feel offended and hurt.

I asked Mr. Purvis for his views relative to this matter and he stated that the memorandum stressed the point that we are receiving cooperation and he asked why some mention was not made that we are affording cooperation. He was advised of the suggestion made by Mr. Clegg.

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Mr. Purvis stated that he was of the opinion that if such a lengthy statement were given, the press was liable to pick out the things they like best as they would not publish the entire statement, and the matters they pick out might prove harmful; that he was of the opinion if a statement is made the shorter it is the better. Mr. Purvis stated that he did not think the statement referring to Mr. Clegg should be published; that he thought it was useless to give them somebody else to "shoot" at and that if a statement were issued, it should not include Mr. Clegg's name. Mr. Nathan, however, stated that the statement with regard to Mr. Clegg is rather curt and might have a good effect; that it will let them know they don't know what they are talking about with regard to personnel.

Respectfully,

  
S. P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Agent in Charge Larson at Detroit relative to the publicity in the Dillinger case. Mr. Larson stated that he had talked with Commissioner Olander; that he had advised the Commissioner that he had read the statement by him; that the Commissioner did not deny that he had made the statement but intimated that he had; that he, Mr. Larson, explained the situation to him and the Commissioner stated that it was somewhat different from the report that he had received; that the Commissioner promised him that he would send him a copy of the report that he received; that the report was probably made by Sergeant Xuene at Sioux Ste. Marie. Mr. Larson stated he is positive that Olander made the statement in question because Olander said that the statement was in response to the statement made by Copeland concerning the cooperation between law enforcement bodies; that he has always wanted to cooperate and he wanted that shown definitely. Mr. Larson is of the opinion that Mr. Vloomis, in charge of the Barracks at East Lansing is probably the man who has been doing most of the talking and it is being attributed to Olander; that Olander is a very fine type of individual; that Olander stated that he had no ill feelings toward anyone but it just struck him funny that the Agent who was there would not contact his men and it put him in a funny position because the people there were inquiring as to why they did not block the roads, etc.

Mr. Larson advised that Olander is very close to Senator Copeland and that Olander advised him that he was preparing to leave for New York and Washington on Friday and would be in Detroit for a few minutes and would like to see him. Mr. Larson suggested that in view of his connection with the Senator it might well for him, Larson, to meet Mr. Olander at the train. He was authorized to proceed to Lansing to talk to Commissioner Olander in person tonight.

Respectfully,

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MR. FOWLER.....  
MR. Egan.....  
MR. GUNN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
CHIEF CLERK.....  
MR. ROYER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

*g. h. m.*  
I called Agent in Charge Purvis at Detroit relative to the allegation to the effect that the Agents who were taken out on the Dillinger raid were not given any information as to what they were to work on and that they had no idea that they were going out to look for Dillinger. Mr. Purvis advised that this allegation is without any basis; that the Agents were advised definitely who they were going out to endeavor to apprehend.

I also called Mr. Clegg at St. Paul and Mr. Clegg advised that the Agents from St. Paul were also instructed definitely as to the raid that was to be conducted.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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# THE LOUISVILLE TIMES

TOM WALLACE, *Editor*

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John Dillinger  
My dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to thank you for your letter of April 17th. and the enclosures. I shall read the enclosures with interest and doubtless with profit. I hope that by the time this reaches you we shall have news of the capture, or killing, of Dillinger.

Sincerely,

*Tom Wallace*  
TOM WALLACE.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Director of the Division of Investigation,  
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Mr. Purvis was contacted by telephone this evening and advised that the following was Agent Reinicke's statement with regard to the matter of the raid at Sault Saint Marie:

"I was at the office of Sheriff J.W. Welch, with some of the other agents who were with me and Sheriff Welch. He advised that a Michigan State Trooper was in his front office and wondered if I cared to talk with him or to procure any assistance he might offer. I told the Sheriff I thought it would be advisable for a state trooper working in that section of Michigan to be advised of the presence of John<sup>o</sup> Dillinger, John<sup>o</sup> Hamilton, and Pat<sup>x</sup> Cherrington in Sault Saint Marie on Tuesday night, April 17th, 1934, and that he be shown photographs of Dillinger, Hamilton, and Pat Cherrington. Sheriff Welch then called in the state trooper, whose name I cannot now recall, and I visited with him and showed him a photograph of Pat Cherrington as he said he was familiar with the likeness of Dillinger and Hamilton, and told him that Dillinger, Hamilton and Pat Cherrington had been in Sault Saint Marie, Michigan, on the date above mentioned and might possibly be still in what is known as the upper peninsula of Michigan. He said he would be glad to cooperate and be on the alert for any of these individuals, and I thanked him for his offer and assured him it was appreciated. We visited at some length, following which I was called out and did not see the trooper again. This was my only contact with any Michigan state trooper during my stay in Sault Saint Marie, and the only offer of assistance received from said organization. As noted above this was after the raid on the Premises of Mrs. Isaac Steve.

P.S. (to the above). On the day of the raid, before the raid, Sheriff Welch told me a state trooper was in his office and wondered if I wanted to see him for any reason. I replied that at that time I did not have any reason to see him."

The events related above took place after it had been established that Dillinger was not there.

The above statement is being forwarded to the Division.

Mr. Reinicke was instructed by Mr. Purvis, when learning of the raid, that should he need any assistance from other law enforcement officials, other than the Sheriff and his deputies who already were aware of the information, Reinicke should contact Mr. Purvis before asking other officers.

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Respectfully,  
S.P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Mr. Walter A. Williams, 1608 Lawrence Street, Northwest, was referred to me today for interview. He desired to be informed as to the amount of the reward outstanding for John Dillinger. He stated that, if the reward made it worth while, it was his desire to go out and capture Dillinger or kill him for the purpose of collecting the reward.

I advised him that so far as I was informed, no reward has been offered by the Government.

Respectfully,

*TFB*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Clegg called from St. Paul and advised that the girls that had been taken into custody were not talking; that they have not been eating or sleeping; that one of them gave her name as Rose Ancer; that she is obviously of Italian descent; that she gave her date of birth as April 14, 1913; that she claims to have been married to Theodore Ancer in Chicago on March 15, 1934 and to have worked in a ten cent store in Chicago at different times; that she was treated at St. Luke's Hospital from March 29 to April 11 for some feminine disorder; that the second girl gave her name as Marian Virginia Marr; that her husband is Joseph D. Marr; that she was married in 1928 at Chicago; that she was born in Chicago on March 22, 1913; that both of these girls are small and weigh less than 100 pounds; that they have dark complexions and black hair and they both look like they are of Italian or Latin descent. Mr. Clegg stated it was possible that the Division might have a report on them and that he is sending their fingerprints to the Division. He advised that the third girl is a blonde; that her name was given as Anna Marie Sothern (her maiden name); that she claims to have been married on May 18, 1931 but refused to state where; that she gave her date of birth as February 18, 1912 at Cincinnati; that her father, Fred Sothern, died six or seven years ago; that her mother, Helen Sothern, died about three years ago, presumably at Cincinnati. Mr. Clegg advised that he is of the opinion that the first name of this girl is Jean; that she is married to an orchestra player in Chicago; that she is a sister of the wife of Pat Riley and that she has been living with Tommy Carroll; that at the time she was at the tavern she was heard to make a comment to the effect that she hoped Tommy did not get caught because he was out without a gun, indicating that probably the statement was true that some of them were out taking a walk earlier in the evening. Mr. Clegg stated he was also of the opinion that one of the Italian girls, probably Rose Ancer, is the girl known at St. Paul as Mickey who received treatment from a doctor at St. Paul in a local hospital from March 20 to 29 under the name of Marie Costello; that he is of the opinion that she at one time lived with Homer Van Meter at 3310 Freemont Street, next door to Bessie Green and probably while she was living there the blonde girl was living with her. Mr. Clegg based this on information previously obtained and his personal observation of the girl.

Mr. Clegg advised that Mr. Rorer had just received information to the effect that the car that was driven by Agents Baum and Newman had been found about 20 miles from where the shooting occurred, and that Agents are being sent to check the matter.

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Mr. Clegg advised that Mr. Purvis had told him this morning that he had been advised by a newspaper man that a petition was being circulated by the Postmaster at Mercer, Wisconsin, near Little Bohemia, asking for the suspension particularly of Mr. Purvis. Mr. Clegg stated that Mr. Rorer had heard nothing of the report but stated that the sentiment up there seemed to be greatly improved and everything is O. K. Mr. Rorer is going to inquire relative to this matter and the Division will be advised as to the results of the inquiry.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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DIRECTOR

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MR. LESTER.....  
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MR. RORER.....

I telephoned Mr. Connelley at Indianapolis and inquired if he had seen the charges made by the Commissioner of Public Safety of Indiana to the effect that the Federal officers had had six opportunities to capture Dillinger and had bungled them all. Mr. Connelley stated that the article in question had evidently come from Feeney, who had been out to see Dillinger's father, that last Saturday Dillinger's father had made the statement to Feeney that the federal agents had followed Hubert out and had failed to raid the place immediately. Mr. Leech talked with Mr. Connelley Sunday and told him that he, Mr. Leech, had talked to Feeney and Feeney stated that he had obtained the information from Dillinger's father and had wondered where the father had obtained that information. Mr. Connelley stated that he knew the information had come from the four fellows they had picked up there.

Mr. Connelley stated that he had seen no statement to the effect that the Director of Public Safety in Indiana had made the above statement which appeared in the papers here today, that the newspapers out there stated that Feeney had made the statement that he had at all times cooperated with the Federal authorities, and that no charges like the one above appeared in the papers out there. Feeney and the newspapers there interpreted Copeland's statements to mean that the local authorities had not cooperated at all times with the Division, that as a result Feeney had been interviewed by the newspapers and had furnished the above statement to the effect that he had rendered full cooperation at all times. The newspapers also interviewed the Chief of Police at Indianapolis and he in turn called Mr. Connelley and was very much concerned about the statement made by Senator Copeland. Mr. Connelley stated that he explained to the Chief of Police and assured him that the Division entertained no such thoughts and that they had always been assured of his cooperation. The Chief of Police is very willing to cooperate and will place any amount of men at Mr. Connelley's command.

The Director of Public Safety's name is Feeney and is at Indianapolis. Mat Leech is the head of the State Police and is under Feeney, he is also located at Indianapolis.

Mr. Connelley was instructed to get in touch with Feeney and inquire if he had made the statement that the Division had bungled six chances to catch Dillinger and if he had to inquire what that statement was based upon. Mr. Hoover stated that Mr. Connelley could tell the Chief of Police at Indianapolis that he could make the statement that the Division had received the fullest cooperation from him.

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Mr. Connelley stated that the state police were rather touchy in regard to the Dillinger case because of the fact that they had blown up the chance to get him at Hamilton, Indiana.

Mr. Connelley advised that he would try to get in touch with Feeney tonight and would call back and advise the Division of the result of his conversation if he were able to get him.

Respectfully,

S.P.Cowley.

P.S. I later talked with Mr. Connelley and he stated that both Mr. Feeney and Leech were out of town and that he had been unable to contact them. He will endeavor to do so at the earliest possible moment and advise the Division accordingly.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/28/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/22-23/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. A. BAKER</b>
TITLE <b>CHARGED:</b> <b>JOHN HERBERT BILLINGER - aliases, John Hall, John Donovan Hall, Clarence Cruse, Joseph J. Harris, J. H. Donovan, Kirby, Frank Sullivan, Carl T. Hollman, FUGITIVE I.O. 1217, HERBERT YOUNGHOOD (Deceased);</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NAT. MOT. VEH. THEFT ACT. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Conspiracy to Harbor Fugitive MURDER OF SPECIAL AGENT W. CARTER BURN)</b>
<p><b>JOHN HAMILTON, alias John Campbell, I. O. 1220;</b>  <b>EDWARD GREEN - aliases, Eddie Green, Harry Green, George Green, George Graham, Eugene Green, Charles Ryan, Frederick Riley, Fred Riley, D. A. Stevens, Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, J. S. Makely - (Deceased);</b>  <b>EVELYN FRECHETTE - aliases, "Billie" Spark, Ann Martin, Mary Evelyn Frechette, Evelyn Spark, Evelyn Paschetti, Evelyn Frischetti, Grace B. Edwards, Mrs. John Billinger, Mrs. J. Hughes, "Billie";</b>  <b>MRS. BESSIE EXUMER - aliases, Mrs. T. J. Randall, Beth Green, Mrs. D. A. Stevens, Mrs. Edward Green, Bessie Welch, Bessie Moore, Bessie Randall, Bessie Green, Elizabeth Kline, Hester Hinds, Mrs. J. S. Makely;</b>  <b>HOMER VAN METER - aliases, Kenneth Jackson, Kenneth E. Jackson, John L. Ober, I. O. 1222;</b>  <b>DR. CLAYTON E. MAY;</b>  <b>MRS. AUGUSTA SALT, alias Mrs. Garniath La Belle;</b>  <b>ALBERT W. HEILLY, alias Pat Heilly;</b>  <b>DR. NELS G. MONTGOMERY;</b>  <b>MRS. ISAAC STAVE;</b>  <b>LESTER M. GILLIS - aliases, Alex Gillis, Lester Gills, George Nelson, "BABY FACE", "BIG GEORGE", "JIMMY";</b>  <b>THOMAS CARROLL - aliases, Tommy Carroll, James Roy Brock, Frank Sloan, Frank Slone;</b>  <b>PATRICIA YOUNG - aliases, Pat Cherrington, Ann Jackson.</b></p>			

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Following a raid upon "Little Bohemia", a refuge of BILLINGER and his associates since April 20, 1934, by Special Agents of the Division on April 22, Agents Jay C. Newman and W. Carter Baum, and Constable Carl C. Christensen were fired upon while in an automobile at a point about one mile

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from "Little Bohemia", resulting in the death of Agent Baum and the wounding of Agent Newman and Constable Christensen, the latter in critical condition. Person firing on the above positively identified as GEORGE NELSON, who escaped after the shooting, in the car previously occupied by Agent Newman and others. Car used in the crime subsequently found abandoned near site of scene of the crime. Signed statements obtained from eye witnesses to the shooting. Statements furnished by others establish the identity of JOHN DILLINGER, JOHN HAMILTON, HOMER VAN MATER, TOMMY CARROLL, GEORGE NELSON, PAT HEILLY and PAT CHERRINGTON as being at the "Little Bohemia" hideout. Methods of travel and routes taken by various members of gang upon leaving the lodge determined. Details as to the killing of Eugene Boissoneau and the wounding of John Hoffman and John Morris also obtained.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to include the names of LESTER W. GILLIS, aliases - Alex Gillis, Lester Siles, GEORGE NELSON, "Baby Face", "Big George", "Jimmy", THOMAS CARROLL, aliases - Tommy Carroll, James Roy Brock, Frank Sloan, Frank Sloane, ALBERT W. HEILLY, alias Pat Heilly, and PATRICIA YOUNG, alias PAT CHERRINGTON alias Ann Jackson --- as Subjects in this case.

This investigation covers the period from the time subject JOHN DILLINGER and his associates escaped from "Little Bohemia", Manitowish, Wisconsin, on the evening of Sunday, April 22, 1934, to the preparation of this report on April 25, 1934, and is based primarily upon the details surrounding the murder of Special Agent W. CARTER BAUM, the felonious assault on Special Agent RAY O. NEWMAN and Constable CARL C. CHRISTENSEN, of Manitowish, Wisconsin. It also includes the facts surrounding the killing of EUGENE BOISSONEAU and the wounding of John Hoffman and John Morris, of Mercer, Wisconsin.

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Investigations at Manitowish and vicinity were conducted by the following Special Agents of the Division, under the supervision of Inspector W. A. Rorer:

F. S. Melvin  
H. H. Redmond  
S. L. Morris  
R. C. Ryan  
E. C. Faulkner  
M. B. Rhodes  
J. L. Madala

Signed statements from persons who were present at the scene of the shooting of Special Agents W. Carter Baum and Jay C. Newman, and Constable Carl G. Christensen, as well as interviews with other persons in possession of information material to same, are set forth below:

#### INTERVIEW WITH EMIL WANATKA

##### At Manitowish, Wisconsin:

On April 23, 1934, Special Agents J. L. Madala and M. B. Rhodes interviewed EMIL WANATKA, proprietor of Little Bohemia Lodge. Wanatka stated that about 8:00 P.M., Friday, April 20, 1934, two men and a brunette woman came to his place and one of the men said a party of six or eight people would be up to his place later for a few days stay; that some one in the party would present a letter of introduction. The two men and the woman, above referred to, came to his place in a car, but he did not observe the make, kind, or license plates on same. He positively identified a photograph of - HOMER VAN MEYER - as one of the men above referred to. VAN MEYER is the man who made the arrangements for the party and is the one who mentioned the fact that the party would present a letter of introduction. He further stated that VAN MEYER did not go into detail as to the letter; that is to say, he did not advise him, Wanatka, the name of the party who wrote the letter.

Emil further stated he was unacquainted with VAN MEYER; that he never saw this man before.

The second man above referred to was introduced by VAN MEYER to Emil as "PAT", last name unknown. Emil described "PAT" as follows:



Age: 30 years  
 Height: 5 feet 8 inches  
 Weight: 150 lbs.  
 Hair: Chestnut, pompadour  
 Complexion: Light  
 Teeth: Poor, several in front  
 Build: Fat  
 Smooth shaven  
 Claimed to be a prize fighter

A photograph of ALBERT W. REILLY, alias PAT REILLY, Saint Paul Police Department No. 22456, was exhibited to Emil, who, after examining same, positively identified it as a photograph of the "PAT" who accompanied VAN MEYER and the brunette woman to his place, as above indicated.

The brunette girl, above referred to, was unknown to Emil. He could not recall having heard her name being mentioned; however, he identified her as being one of the three women who surrendered to Agents of the Division in the neighborhood of 5:00 A.M., April 23, 1934, following the siege of the Lodge. She was in possession of a small black bull dog. Emil stated that about five or six hours subsequent to the arrival of VAN MEYER, Pat Reilly and the brunette woman with the dog, four additional men and three additional women arrived at his place in a Buick Coupe and a Ford V-8 Sedan. Photographs of JOHN DILLINGER, JOHN HAMILTON, TOMMY CARROLL and GEORGE NELSON were exhibited to Emil and he positively identified them as being photographs of the four additional men, above referred to. Two of the three additional women, above referred to, were women that surrendered to Agents of the Division about 5:00 A.M., April 23rd, following the siege by Agents of the Little Bohemia Lodge. The third woman in the group, that arrived with the four men on the occasion above referred to, left the Little Bohemia Lodge with PAT REILLY late on the evening of April 20th. Neither REILLY nor this woman returned to the Lodge.

Emil recalled hearing one of the other men in the party (name not recalled) saying to others in the group, that PAT REILLY would be back from Minneapolis Saturday Night; however, according to Emil, PAT never returned.

A photograph of PAT CHERRINGTON, alias Pat Young, was exhibited to Emil in an effort to establish the identity of the woman who left the Lodge with PAT REILLY, above referred to. After looking at Pat Cherrington's photograph for several minutes, Emil stated he could not positively identify her as being the girl; however, he stated there is a good deal of resemblance between the two.

Bail further stated that upon the arrival of DILLINGER, HAMILTON, NELSON and the three women at his place, the evening referred to, GEORGE NELSON presented to him a typewritten letter signed by "LOUIS CERNOSKY" of Chicago, Illinois, a friend of his. From this letter informed Bail that the people in the party were his (Cernosky), and that he (Cernosky) wanted Bail to treat the people just like he would treat him.

Bail further stated that after reading the above referred letter, he handed same to NELSON, who took it into small pieces and threw it into a waste paper basket; that the pieces of this letter were subsequently thrown into the garbage and carried out. Bail further stated that the above is the first letter CERNOSKY ever sent him; likewise, this is the first time Cernosky ever sent guests to his home. None of the persons previously referred to herein was required to register.

Bail further stated that he strongly suspected these people were "not"; that the reason for his suspicions was the fact that he noted their luggage was heavy. He did not see any arms or ammunition on the persons of these people, but felt from the weight of the luggage, that they must have been armed. GEORGE NELSON, TOM CARROLL and one of the women were assigned to a cottage adjacent of the Lodge; DILLINGER, HAMILTON, VAN METER and two of the women were assigned to rooms on the second floor of the Lodge. The brunette woman with the dog stayed with VAN METER.

Bail further stated that from the time the party arrived at his place on the evening of April 30th, until the shooting commenced about 9:00 P.M., April 22nd, DILLINGER, HAMILTON, VAN METER and the three women, who subsequently surrendered to Agents of the Division, remained on the premises of the Lodge; that with the exception of the period of time from about 9:00 A.M., Saturday, April 21st, until about 4:00 P.M., that date, GEORGE NELSON and TOM CARROLL were on the premises; that during the above period, NELSON and CARROLL left the premises in one of the cars and went to some place unknown to him.

Bail further stated that during the time the party was at his home, they played poker and lounged around the place, the men and women occasionally leaving the Lodge and walking around the grounds. On several occasions during the evenings, he, Bail, played poker with DILLINGER and the other men; that the men constantly asked for change for Five, Ten and Twenty Dollar bills during the course of the games. He further stated that during the time the guests were on his premises, they made no telephone calls, received no visitors and sent no telegrams.

Bail further stated that he recognized JOHN DILLINGER from the many photographs he had seen of him in the newspapers; that this recognition occurred shortly after the arrival of the party at his place; that he then knew that those in the party were outlaws and he thought the best thing for him to do would be to keep quiet, as he feared he would be killed; so he told his employees to stand their step when they were around the men. About a day subsequent to the arrival of the party, he decided to report the fact that the men were at his place to the authorities and, accordingly, notified Harry Vost. Bail further stated that the first time he ever saw any of the men in the party above referred to, was on Friday, April 20th, 1934 and the last time he saw them, except NELSON, was a few minutes prior to the shooting on the evening of April 22nd. Just before the shooting started, he noted DILLINGER, HAMILTON, CARROLL, VAN MEETER and NELSON were about the lodge.

Bail further stated that about 8:00 or 9:00 P.M., Sunday, April 22nd, three men, viz, John Hoffman and two others whose names he did not know, were at his bar in the lodge drinking; that his two waiters, Frank Traube and George Basso, and himself, were in the lodge; that the Dillinger Party was upstairs; that his dogs started to bark and Traube and Basso went to the back door of the lodge, to which officers approached, where they were commanded by a group of men, later learned by him to be officers, to put up their hands; that Hoffman and his two companions ran out the back door, got in their automobiles and started to drive away; that he heard a volley of shots from the outside and later learned that one of the Hoffman party had been killed and Hoffman and another companion had been wounded; that as soon as the shooting started, Traube, Basso and himself fled to the basement of the lodge; that at no time did he see the Dillinger Party flee from his premises.

Bail could not recall the length of time that he, Traube and Basso remained in the basement, but said it must have been fifteen or twenty minutes; that he came upstairs when he heard John Morris, who was one of the Hoffman party and who had been wounded outside, staggering around and calling for help; that he, Bail, Frank Traube and George Basso left the house and joined George La Porte and Carl Christiansen, who were on the outside with the Government men; that Frank, Basso and George La Porte, Carl Christiansen and himself, left the scene in George La Porte's Model A Ford Sedan for Koerner's place, located about a mile and a half from his lodge, for the purpose of telephoning for a doctor for Morris; that about ten minutes after leaving the lodge, they arrived at Koerner's place; that Frank, George La Porte, George Basso and himself entered the Koerner house, leaving Carl Christiansen in the car; that upon entering the place they were



greeted at the point of a gun by GEORGE NELSON, then known to Emil as "DICK", who had Mr. and Mrs. Koerner, a Mr. and Mrs. LaPorte and the telephone operator, Miss Flora Ella Robins with him. Nelson pointed his gun at Mr. Koerner and himself (Emil) and told them to accompany him outside as he, NELSON, would "take care of" Mr. Koerner and his (Emil) "wants outside", followed by Nelson and Mr. LaPorte's Ford Sedan. Koerner was placed in the back seat, Emil was told to take the wheel and NELSON seated himself in the front seat to Emil's right, keeping the two covered with his gun. NELSON then told Emil to start the car and drive away as fast as he knew, that just as he was about to start the car, he saw another car drive up with two men whom he later learned were Agents BAUM and NEWMAN of the Division, and Constable Christiansen. This car pulled up to the right of the car containing Koerner, NELSON and him. NELSON jumped out of the car and pointed a gun at the occupants. As he witnessed this act on NELSON's part, he, Emil, jumped out of the car in which he was sitting and fled from the scene, his back being turned from where Newman, Baum and Nelson were. As he was fleeing and a few seconds after he left the car, he heard a number of shots from the vicinity of where the cars were parked. He did not witness the shooting. He kept on running and ran back to his lodge, where he reported the above incident to me (Rorer) and I had another Agent immediately accompany him to the scene. Emil later learned that BAUM had been killed and NEWMAN and Constable Christiansen wounded. He was not able to state if Constable Christiansen was in the car with BAUM and NEWMAN when the latter drove up alongside Koerner, Nelson and himself. Likewise, he was unable to advise the exact number of shots fired on the above occasion, but gave an estimate of eight or ten.

It is further pointed out that the photograph of GEORGE NELSON was again exhibited to Emil in connection with his interview relative to Agent Baum's murder and he identified it positively as being the photograph of the man who was a guest at his lodge with the Billinger party from April 20 to 22, 1934 and the man who held up the Koerners and himself on the evening of April 22nd and forced Koerner and himself to LaPorte's car.

About one hour subsequent to the above interview with Emil, the latter handed to Agent Rhodes the following documents found by him in the room occupied by Billinger:

1. Unsigned typewritten note addressed to Louis P. Piquett, 223 No. La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill. It reads as follows:-

"Dear Mr. Piquette

It is my desire that you will represent me in procuring my wrist watch and two rings that I have placed The Broadway Trust and Savings Bank at Broadway and Riverway. It is probable that the investigating officers have already had possession but I believe that they have placed them back again.

If it is necessary that I grant you the power of attorney in obtaining such possession, it is so bequeathed. The key to this particular vault will be presented with this letter. Your immediate action upon this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours"

A memo in indelible pencil containing the following addresses:

Pearl Hellman, 305 Harrison Street,  
Mishawaka, Ind. Ind. 7337;  
2307 Warren Blvd., Apt. 405 (or 705);  
[A notation "Red Hair" appears thereon]

3. An address card of "The Dutchman's Inn", Lyndale at 96th Street, presumably Chicago - telephone number, Bloomington 113.

In addition to the above, Mail turned over to Agent Madala, a destroyed note or memorandum. It had been torn into small pieces and was not legible. It was found by Mail under a rug in Billinger's room.

The above documents were, on April 24, 1934, transmitted by letter by Inspector Rorer to the Division for the appropriate attention of the Division Laboratory.

On April 24, 1934, Special Agents M. C. Walker and M. H. Rhodes interviewed Mail and obtained from him a signed statement relative to the murder of Special Agent Pann. This statement is incorporated below, as follows:

Manitowish, Wis.  
April 24, 1934

I, EMIL WANATKA, age 46, make the following statement voluntarily to M. C. Falkner and M. E. Rhodes, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, without any threats or violence to my person, or without any promises of immunity or reward.

About 10 P.M. on Sunday, April 22, 1934, Frank Traube, George Bazzo, George La Porte, Carl Christiansen and myself left the Little Bohemia Lodge in La Porte's Ford Sedan and drove to the home of Mr. Alvin Koerner, located about a mile and a half from the Little Bohemia Lodge. Upon our arrival at Koerner's place, La Porte, who drove the car, parked it in front of Koerner's house and Traube, Bazzo, La Porte and myself got out of the car and entered Koerner's home. Carl Christiansen did not enter the house with us but remained in the back seat of La Porte's car. As we entered the door of Mr. Koerner's home, we were met by George Nelson, who was known to me as 'JIMMY' and who with JOHN DILLINGER and his party had been a guest at my place since April 20, 1934. Nelson had a gun in his hands with which he covered Traube, Bazzo, La Porte, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Koerner, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lang, and Miss Flora Elfa Robins, and myself. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lang and Miss Robins were in the Koerner home when I entered.

NELSON commanded us to line up and do it quickly and said that he meant business. He asked me who was in our car outside. In my excitement I forgot that Carl Christiansen was in the car. I told him no one was in it. He then said: 'Are there any 'G' men in that car?' I replied there were not. Nelson then commanded Alvin Koerner and myself to leave the Koerner home with him and enter La Porte's car. At the point of a gun in Nelson's hands, Koerner and myself followed by Nelson, left Koerner's house and entered La Porte's car. Koerner sat in the back seat next to Carl Christiansen. I took the wheel and NELSON sat on the front seat to the right of me with his gun in my side. Nelson told me to start the car and drive as fast as I knew how. As I tried to start our car but before I had time to get it moving, I saw another car drive up to the right of our car and stop. I am unable to state the number of men that were in the car which drove up, but observed that when it stopped the driver of the car was almost opposite Nelson who was seated next to me on my right. I am also unable to state the distance there was between our car and the car that drove up but know there was enough space between the two cars for me to pass through. I did not recognize the men in the car but later learned they were Mr. W. Carter Baum and Mr. J. C. Newman of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.



As soon as the above car drove up and stopped, NELSON took his gun out of my side, turned to the right and pointed his gun in the direction of Baum and Newman without getting out of our car. As soon as Nelson took his gun out of my side, I jumped out of my car, my back being turned from Nelson and the men in the Government car. I heard four or five shots and ran from the above scene to my place, a mile and a half away and reported the above incident to Mr. Morar, one of the Government officers.

This statement has been read to me in its entirety and same is true.

(Signed) EMIL WANATKA.

Witnessed by:

A. B. Rhodes, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Ill.

M. C. Falkner, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice.

It is noted in the above statement that Emil Wanatka states that NELSON pointed his gun in the direction of Agents Baum and Newman, while seated in the car beside him (Emil).

In the statement made verbally by Emil on the previous day to Agents Madala and Rhodes, Emil stated that NELSON was out of the car when he pointed his gun at Baum and Newman.

He explained the conflict in the above story by saying that over-night reflection refreshed his memory on this point and that NELSON was still in the car when he pointed his gun at the Agents.

#### INTERVIEW WITH FRANK TRAUBE:

FRANK TRAUBE, age 28, a waiter and bartender of Little Bohemia Lodge, Manitowish, Wisconsin, stated to Agents Madala and Hughes that he has been employed in the above capacity by Earl Vanatka for the past year; that about 2:30 P.M., April 23, 1934, two men and a woman drove up to the lodge in a Ford car; that he did not notice the type or license plates on this car; that he heard one of these men call the other "WAYNE", but could not remember what name the other man used. The woman who accompanied the two men was a brunette and carried a small black bull dog. He described "WAYNE" as follows:

Age:	30 Years
Height:	5 ft. 10 or 11 in.
Weight:	140-150 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Color of Hair:	Dark
Complexion:	Dark - smooth shaven

Traube was unable to furnish a description of "Wayne's" companion. A photograph of ALBERT W. NEILLY, alias PAT NEILLY, Saint Paul Police Department No. 22456, was exhibited to Traube and after looking at same, Traube stated that it "strongly resembled" Wayne's companion, but he would not positively state that it was the man. He identified the woman accompanying them as the brunette woman who with two other women surrendered to Agents of the Division about 5:00 A.M., April 23, 1934, following the siege of the lodge.

Photographs of VAN METER, DILLINGER, HAMILTON, CARROLL and NELSON were exhibited to Traube; however, he was unable to identify these photographs as being either of the two men who arrived at the lodge with the brunette woman on the occasion above referred to.

AGENT'S NOTE: Van Meter has been positively identified by Earl Vanatka as one of the two men above referred to. It is noted that Traube's description of "Wayne" is almost identical with Van Meter's description.

Traube stated that "WAYNE" made the arrangements with Earl to stop at the Lodge; that about two or three hours after Wayne's arrival, four other men and three more women drove up to the Lodge in a Ford V-8 Sedan and Buick Coupe and entered the Lodge. Photographs of DILLINGER, HAMILTON, NELSON and CARROLL were exhibited to Traube and he positively identified DILLINGER, HAMILTON and NELSON as being three of the four men above referred to. He could not identify CARROLL as being the other



man but stated that he remembers that one of the four men was called "Tom" by the others. He described "Tom", as follows:

Age: 30-35 years  
Height: 5 ft. 10 inches  
Weight: 160 lbs.  
Complexion: Dark - smooth shaven  
Hair: Dark  
Build: Medium

Two of the three women who arrived at the Lodge with DILLINGER and others were identified by Traube as the women who surrendered to Agents of the Division following the siege of the Lodge on April 22, 1934. The third woman, who arrived on the above occasion, was described as an auburn-haired girl, heavy set. A photograph of PAUL CHRISTENSEN was exhibited to Traube, who, after examining same closely, said it strongly resembled the third woman above referred to; that this woman left the Lodge a few hours after the arrival of the Dillinger party on Friday evening, with the man who accompanied "WAYNE", to the place that afternoon. Neither this woman, nor her companion returned to the Lodge.

Traube stated that shortly after the arrival of the Dillinger party at the Lodge, Emil told him to "watch his step"; that the men in the party were desperadoes and to be careful. Traube stated he was at a loss to know what to do. He wanted to report the party to the authorities, yet was afraid he would be killed. Besides, he was only an employee of Emil and had his job to consider. So he simply kept his mouth shut.

Friday night, April 20, 1934, DILLINGER, the man who Dillinger called "Tom", and Emil played cards. He observed that the other men in the party addressed DILLINGER as "John". From the time of the arrival of the party at Emil's place, until the time of the shooting on the evening of April 22nd, the men and women in the party lounged around the house and grounds, played poker, drank at the bar, and conducted themselves like vacationists. When the man and woman, above referred to, left the Lodge on the evening of Friday, April 20th, this left at the Lodge, DILLINGER, HAMILTON, NELSON, the two men known to him as "Tom" and "Wayne", and the three women who subsequently surrendered to Agents of the Division. The above persons were in the Lodge a few minutes prior to the shooting on Sunday evening. The last of the group which Traube saw, prior to the shooting, was "WAYNE", who came into the bar ten or fifteen minutes prior to the shooting and had several drinks.

Traube stated that sometime during the early part of the evening of April 23rd, the dogs on the place got to barking; that he and a fellow employee, George Basso, went to the back door of the Lodge and went out on the small back porch; that they observed a number of men, heavily armed, whom he later learned were Federal officers, approaching the Lodge; that the officers commanded them to put their hands up and he and Basso complied; that prior to the above incident, three men from Mercer, Wisconsin, known to him as John Hoffman, John Morris, and Eugene Biosoneau, who were regular customers of Bill's, were at the bar drinking; that when the Government men commanded Basso and himself to put up their hands, Hoffman, Biosoneau and Morris fled from the Lodge to a Chevrolet Coupe which was parked in the rear of the Lodge; that the Government men shouted to the three men to halt but they started their car as if to drive off. Following this, machine guns in the hands of the Government men opened fire on the three men.

Traube stated he shouted to the officers not to shoot the three men as they were his customers. He later learned that Biosoneau was killed and Hoffman and Morris were wounded.

Following the above incident, Basso and Traube fled to the basement of the Lodge, where they found Bill. Basso and Traube hid in the coal pit and Bill hid in another part of the basement. The shooting continued upstairs but Traube was unable to observe it. Traube, Basso and Bill spent about one hour in the basement when they came upstairs and found Morris, who had been wounded. Traube was unable to state the length of time of the shooting. Shortly after they left the basement, Bill, Basso, Traube and Morris left the Lodge and went out where the Government men were. Bill, Basso, George La Porte, Carl Christiansen and himself left the Lodge and went to Koerner's place in La Porte's Ford Sedan for the purpose of calling a doctor for Morris. Koerner's place is about a mile and a half from Bill's and is the closest telephone office. It took them about ten minutes to drive to Koerner's place. Bill, La Porte, Basso and Traube entered the Koerner home. As this group entered the house, GEORGE NELSON, who had previously been a guest at the Lodge, stepped out from behind the door and "struck" the entire group up with an automatic pistol. Present besides the group of men who entered the house with Traube, were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Koerner, Mr. and Mrs. Lang, and Miss Flora Ella Robins, the telephone operator. NELSON commanded the entire group to "take it easy" and told Mr. Koerner and Bill to accompany him outside. At the point of a gun held in Nelson's hands, the latter directed Bill and Koerner outside, Nelson following them. The rest of the party remained in the house. Traube stated that about three or five minutes after Koerner, Bill and Nelson left the house he heard a number of shots fired; that he remained indoors a few minutes and then went outside. He then learned that Agent BAUM had been

killed outside the Hoerner House and Constable Herman and Constable Christensen had been wounded. At no time did he witness the shooting but he assisted in taking care of the body of Agent Basso.

#### INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE BAZZO:

George Bazzo, age 26, waiter and bartender at the Little Bohemia Lodge, Manitowish, Wisconsin, stated to Agents Rhoden and Madala, that he has been so employed since July, 1933. Bazzo stated that although he was working at the Lodge on the afternoon of April 20, 1934, he saw none of the Dillinger party until about 7:00 P.M. that evening. The first one of the party that he saw was a blonde girl, who surrendered to the Division Agents on April 23rd. He saw none of the men in the party until Saturday morning, April 21st. Photographs of DILLINGER, HAMILTON, NELSON, VAN METER and CARROLL were exhibited to Bazzo. He positively identified Dillinger, Hamilton and Nelson as being in the above party that he observed Saturday morning but could not identify CARROLL or VAN METER from the photographs, as being the other two men. He was also shown a picture of PAT CHERINGTON, but could not identify her as being one of the women in the party. He stated that the only women he saw with the above men were the women who surrendered to the Agents and that at no time did he see the fourth woman in the party.

Bazzo stated that about 9:00 P.M., April 22nd, three men from Mercer, Wisconsin, John Morris, John Hoffman and Eugene Bioness, were drinking at the bar in the Lodge; that these men were regular customers of the Lodge and were not connected with the Dillinger group; that he did not know where the Dillinger party was at the time but "presumed" they were upstairs. He stated the dogs started to bark and he and Traube went to the back door of the Lodge; that they observed a number of heavily armed men approaching the Lodge; that these men, who he later learned were Federal officers, told Traube and him to "stick them up"; that they complied with these instructions. In the meantime, the three men, above referred to, who had been drinking at the bar, ran out of the back door of the Lodge and got into an automobile. The officers fired on them with machine guns. Bazzo and Traube fled to the basement of the Lodge, where they hid in the coal bin. Upon their arrival in the basement, they found Emil Vanatka and two girls of the Dillinger party in hiding. Bazzo could give no idea as to how long he was in the basement. He stated there was considerable shooting upstairs and after it had ceased, Emil, Traube and himself went upstairs where they found Morris, who had returned to the Lodge, wounded. Bazzo, Emil and Traube left the Lodge with their hands up and joined the Government men outside. Traube, Emil, Carl



J. Christensen, George La Porte and himself left the premises of the Lodge in La Porte's Ford sedan and drove to Alvin Karpis's place about one and a half miles distant. They parked their car in front of Koerner's house and Emil, La Porte, Traube and himself entered the house. They were met at the door by GEORGE NELSON, known to him as "Duke", who had previously been a member of the Dillinger party at the Lodge. He positively identified a photograph of GEORGE NELSON as being a photograph of the man who met him at the door of the Koerner home. After Emil, La Porte, Traube and himself entered the Koerner home, he first observed that NELSON had a gun in his hand.

In the above group, besides the persons mentioned, were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Koerner and the telephone operator, Flora Ella Robins. Nelson commanded Emil and Alvin Koerner to leave the house with him. Nelson said, in addressing Emil and Koerner, "I'm going out of here and you guys go with me." Nelson grabbed Emil and Koerner and at the point of a gun forced them to leave the house with him. The rest of the above group remained in the Koerner home. About three or five minutes later, he heard five or six shots on the outside. He remained in the house about a half hour, when he and Frank Traube went outside. He then learned that Agent Baum had been killed and Agent Newman and Constable Christensen were wounded, near the entrance to the Koerner yard.

A photograph of ALBERT W. REILLY, alias PAT REILLY, Saint Paul Police Department No. 28456, was exhibited to Bazas in an effort to ascertain whether he saw this man with the Dillinger party when at the Lodge. After looking at the picture, he stated that he could not recall seeing this man with the Dillinger party; that if this man was the party who accompanied VAN METER to the Lodge on the afternoon of Friday, April 20th, he would not know him because he saw no men in the Dillinger party until Saturday morning, April 21st, and a man he understood left the Lodge with a woman late in the evening of Friday, April 20, 1934.

#### INTERVIEW WITH MRS. EMIL WANATKA

On April 24, 1934, MRS. EMIL WANATKA, wife of the owner of Little Bohemia, was interviewed by Special Agent John L. Madala, and she furnished the following information:

At about 2:00 P.M., Friday, April 20, 1934, while she was working in the kitchen at their place, she noticed two men, a tall one and a short one, and a woman enter the lodge by way of the rear entrance. She merely got a passing glimpse of these people and, therefore, was unable to identify them at that time. About fifteen minutes later, her husband, Emil, entered the kitchen and ordered her to make some dinner for these

people, which she subsequently did. When the dinner was prepared, she served them and it was at this time she obtained a good look at the persons mentioned two men and women. She positively identified the photograph of HOMER VAN METER as the tall man; however, she was unable to identify the short man and stated that she later learned from some source that this man's name was PAT. She described him as follows:

Name:	PAT
Age:	31 years
Height:	5 ft. 7 inches
Weight:	145 lbs.
Hair:	Light chestnut
Complexion:	Light - had many pimples
Teeth:	Poor; front teeth decayed, very noticeable.

The girl that accompanied the above two men was described by Mrs. Wanatka as a brunette, with a dog. She was one of the three women who surrendered to agents of the Division following the siege of the lodge on April 23, 1934.

Mrs. Wanatka further stated that she did not see the second party of men and women come in and did not know about their arrival until late Friday night, April 20, 1934, when Bill told her that some friends of Louis's (Cernusky) were there to stay for a few days. About 9:30 P.M. that night, while she was working in the kitchen, being aided by her sister, Ruth Voss, Bill entered the kitchen and made inquiries of Miss Voss regarding the shortest route to Minneapolis. Miss Voss gave him the directions and Bill apparently relayed the information to a member of the gang, who was in the barroom at that time.

Mrs. Wanatka stated she cooked and served the party breakfast the next morning at about 10:00 A.M., and it was at this time that she noticed that there were ten people in the party, six men and four women. It was also at this time that she obtained a good look at all members of the party and after viewing numerous photographs which Agent exhibited to her, she readily selected the photographs of JOHN DILLINGER, JOHN HAMILTON, GEORGE "BABY FACE" NELSON, TOMMY CARROLL, HOMER VAN METER and PAT CHERRINGTON as five of the men and one of the women that stayed there. She stated that the men addressed each other by their first names; that is, the men called JOHN DILLINGER, "John"; TOMMY CARROLL, "Tom", etc. She could not recall the name used by PAT CHERRINGTON.

Mrs. Wanatka further stated that after the men and women finished their breakfast Saturday morning, the girl whom she identifies as PAT CHERRINGTON, asked her where the nearest doctor was located. She advised that she had just gotten out of the hospital and that it was very necessary that this doctor be a surgeon. Mrs. Wanatka referred her to the camp

doctor at Maroon, Wisconsin but Miss Cherrington said that he was not.

At about 10:30 to 11:00 A.M. that morning, she noticed PAT CHERRINGTON and the short, pimply man, known to her as "Pat", leave the premises and she later learned that they had gone to Minneapolis and were to return Sunday Night, April 23, 1934. Mrs. Wanatka described PAT CHERRINGTON as follows:-

Name:	PAT CHERRINGTON
Age:	About 35 years
Height:	5 feet 5 inches
Weight:	140-150 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Complexion:	Very much made up
Hair:	Reddish with streaks of black, but short and parted on the right side.

Mrs. Wanatka stated that she did not see the men again until Saturday night, when she prepared and served them supper at about 5:00 P.M. She saw them again Sunday morning at breakfast and also Sunday night at suppertime. She stated that on Sunday night, after she finished washing dishes, she went to her room on the second floor to get dressed and then left the premises at about 8:00 P.M. to go to her sisters at Voss' place. Mrs. Wanatka advised that the last time she saw any of the men or women of this gang was at 8:00 P.M., Sunday Night.

Subsequent to the above interview with Mrs. Wanatka, Agent received from the Saint Paul Division Office, a photograph of ALBERT W. HEILLY and endeavored to exhibit same to Mrs. Wanatka for the purpose of having her identify it as the photograph of the man known to her as "Pat"; however, at the time, Mrs. Wanatka was absent from "Little Bohemia" and was not expected to return until late in the evening of April 23, 1934, which is subsequent to the mailing of a rough draft of this report to the Chicago Division Office. Another effort will be made to have Mrs. Wanatka make the above identification, on April 25, 1934, and the results thereof will be incorporated in the next investigative report.

#### INTERVIEW WITH MR. AND MRS. G. W. LANG:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. L. Madala, S. K. McKee and R. C. Suran, on April 23, 1934:



MR. AND MRS. G. W. LANGE, who reside approximately one mile south of the Little Bohemia Resort on U. S. Highway No. 51, Manitowish, Wisconsin, advised that they overheard a telephone conversation on the night of April 22, 1934 and knew there was trouble at the Little Bohemia Resort but did not know the nature of the disturbance.

They stated that about 10:45 P.M., a man walked into their home through the front door with an automatic pistol in his hand, which he pointed at both of them and said, "Now, don't get excited, I haven't harmed you, but this is a matter of life and death. Do what I tell you and everything will be all right." Both Mr. and Mrs. Lange identified the photograph of GEORGE NELSON, alias "BABY FACE" as being the likeness of this individual.

After this conversation, Nelson sat down on a couch in the room, placed his gun in his pocket and patted the dog, which was in the house and barking. NELSON then told Mr. and Mrs. Lange that he wanted them to take him in Mr. Lange's car, at which time he ceased patting the dog and again covered them with the gun and also held out a large roll of money and told them he would pay them well.

At this point, Mrs. Lange started to cry and NELSON instructed her to come on and shut up. Nelson then forced Mr. and Mrs. Lange to put on their coats and to get into Mr. Lange's 1932 Chevrolet coach. Nelson was in the house from five to ten minutes.

Mrs. Lange sat in the back seat of the car and Mr. Lange in the driver's seat. Nelson sat in the front seat with Lange. The lights on the car were not working and NELSON refused Lange permission to obtain a flashlight.

The car was driven to U. S. Highway No. 51 at Nelson's instructions and to Koerner's Resort, south of Lange's place. When the party arrived at the Koerner place, the car stalled and Nelson asked who lived in the house near the highway. Upon being advised that Mr. Koerner lived there, Mr. and Mrs. Lange were instructed to go to the house and gain admittance, NELSON following them to the house and entered behind them, covering them with the automatic at all times.

They were in Koerner's place just a few minutes when George La Porte, Emil Vanatka, George Basso, and Frank Traube came into the house. Basso and Traube were employees of the Little Bohemia Resort. NELSON then compelled Mr. Vanatka and Mr. Koerner to leave the house with him. A few minutes after the three left the house, Mr. Lange claimed he heard nine shots. Mrs. Lange advised she heard several shots but does not know how many.



The Langes could furnish no further direct evidence.

#### INTERVIEW WITH MRS. ALVIN KOERNER

Mrs. Alvin Koerner, Manitowish, Wisconsin, furnished Agents with the information that about 10:00 P.M., on April 22, 1934, a man who said he was Johnny Morris, telephoned the Koerner home that everybody was knocked out at the Little Bohemia Resort, but furnished no further information. Mr. Koerner called the Sheriff at Eagle River, Wisconsin and later a car, without lights, was seen on the highway near the Koerner house.

Mrs. Koerner saw a man and woman walking towards the house. Mr. Koerner, upon learning Mr. and Mrs. Lange were the persons seen, opened the door. Mr. and Mrs. Lange entered, followed by a third man with a gun in his hand. Mrs. Koerner does not know what kind of gun. She identified the photograph of GEORGE NELSON as this man. NELSON wanted Mr. and Mrs. Koerner to drive him to Woodruff, Wisconsin, but they objected on account of the two children being in the house alone. Flora Ella Robins, who works for the Koerners, was in her bedroom and hearing the conversation, did not put in an appearance in the front room.

During this argument, George La Porte, Frank Traube, Bail Vanatta and George Bazso came to the house and were admitted by NELSON, who ordered them to sit down. NELSON then compelled Mr. Koerner and Vanatta to leave the house with him to drive him away. The others remained in the house.

Mrs. Koerner saw another car drive into the Koerner place a few minutes after the three men left the house and a few seconds later heard a series of shots about the time Koerner ran back into the house. A short while after the shooting, Carl Christensen, the G.O.P. employee, endeavored to gain admittance to the house with Agent Newman, who had been wounded and although Agent Newman displayed his credentials was not allowed to enter. The Koerners feared the Agents had been killed and that the gangsters had obtained the credentials from them.

#### SIGNED STATEMENT OF ALVIN KOERNER

Mr. Alvin Koerner made the following signed statement:

Manitowish, Wisc.,

April 21, 1934

I, ALVIN KORKHAN, make the following statement voluntarily to  
R. C. Suran, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Depart-  
ment of Justice.

At about 11 o'clock P.M., on April 22, 1934, I was at my home located near Highway Number 51, ten miles southeast of Manitowish, Wisconsin, when I observed a car without lights backing on Highway 51 near my home. I knew some sort of trouble was going on at the Little Bohemia Resort, so I telephoned to Woods' Resort, where I knew a Federal Agent was stationed, and told this Agent to send some men down.

After making this call, I saw a man and woman walking into my place. I later learned that this man and woman were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lange, as they rapped on my door and I admitted them at their request. They were followed into the house by a man with an automatic pistol in his hand.

The Chicago, Illinois, Police Department bulletin photograph of GEORGE NELSON, alias "BABY FACE" has been exhibited to me by Mr. Suran and I identify it as being the likeness of the man who had the automatic pistol. NELSON was wearing a tan jacket and had nothing on his head. He ordered Mr. and Mrs. Lange, my wife and myself to sit down and then stated he wanted my wife and myself to take him to Woodruff, Wisconsin in our car. We protested that we could not leave our children all alone in the house. Florella Robins, who works for us, was in the house but remained in the bedroom.

NELSON had been in the house just a few minutes, when Emil Wanatka, Frank Traube, George Bazzo and George La Porte were at the door. Nelson admitted these men and ordered all of us to sit down, covering us with the automatic pistol. He then wanted Emil Wanatka and myself to accompany him in a car. He forced us out of the house and into George La Porte's Ford Sedan, which stood in the driveway in front of my house. Wanatka was directed to the driver's seat and I was directed to the rear seat. There was a man sitting in the rear seat at this time and I have now learned that this man was Carl Christensen, an employee of the C.C.C. Camp at Manitowish, Wisconsin. Wanatka could not start the car and at that time another car drove in from the main highway and stopped to the side and rear of the car in which we were. NELSON asked who the car which had just arrived belonged to, and we answered we did not know. He then got out of the car with drawn gun.

Wanatka jumped out of the front seat of the car we were in and I jumped out of the rear seat. W. ran to the side of my house and I ran into the house. Right after I left the car, a series of shots sounded, the number of which I do not know and in a few seconds, the car which had been driven in, was seen to back out on to the highway and drive away on U. S. Highway 51 to the south.

(Signed) ALVIN KORMOR.

Witnesses:

R. C. Suran, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

T. G. Malvin, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
New York, N.Y. \*

Special Agents R. C. Suran and John L. Madala, on April 24, 1934, proceeded to Citizens Conservation Camp No. 300, Camp Menominee, Manitowish, Wisconsin, and there interviewed Carl J. Christensen, who advised that he is a Special Selectee and is employed as record clerk at the camp. He furnished the following signed statement with respect to the shooting of Special Agents W. Carter Baum and Jay C. Newman and Constable Carl C. Christensen:

SIGNED STATEMENT OF CARL J. CHRISTENSEN:

April 24, 1934,  
Camp Menominee, Manitowish, Wis.

I, Carl J. Christensen, make the following signed statement to Special Agents R. C. Suran and John L. Madala, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice:

On April 22, 1934, at about 10:45 P.M., George La Porte, a deputy sheriff, came to this camp seeking medical aid and asked for Major S. M. Roberts, the camp doctor. He stated that Dillinger and his gang were at



'Little Bohemia', that he had heard some shooting from that direction and thought possibly that someone might have been wounded there. Upon receipt of this information, I proceeded to find Major Roberts who had retired for the evening and after finding him I gave him the above information.

At about 11:00 P.M., George LaPorte and I left the camp for 'Little Bohemia' and were followed by the camp ambulance. Upon arriving at the highway entrance of 'Little Bohemia', we allowed the ambulance to proceed in ahead of us, but we were stopped by officers who identified themselves as Federal men. They questioned us as to our identity and after LaPorte and I identified ourselves, we were permitted to remain there. Shortly thereafter, John Hoffman, whom I know, came by the car. He was stopped and questioned by the officers and I interposed and told them that Hoffman was a representative of the Cities Service Oil Company of Mercer, Wisconsin and that I knew him. Hoffman was then given first aid treatment by Major Roberts, our camp doctor. A few minutes later I noticed John Morris, Emil Wanatka, George Bazso and Frank Traube come out of the rear entrance of 'Little Bohemia' with their hands raised and walk towards a point where some of the officers were stationed. After the above men were questioned by the officers and after John Morris was given medical treatment, George LaPorte, Emil Wanatka, George Bazso and Frank Traube and myself got into LaPorte's Ford Sedan and proceeded to Alvin Koerner's residence for the purpose of having George LaPorte meet the Sheriff of Vilas County, Wisconsin there, as well as the use of the phone, and also for the purpose of securing warmer clothing for Bazso, Wanatka and Traube. Before departing, our names and addresses were taken by one of the officers. Before reaching the entrance of Alvin Koerner's residence I noticed a Chevrolet Coach parked on the right hand side of Route #51, without any lights. We drove into the road entrance of Koerner's place and parked our car on the left hand side of the road immediately in front of the gate which leads onto the front porch of his home. Wanatka, Traube, Bazso and LaPorte got out of the car and proceeded into Koerner's home. I remained in the car, sitting in the rear seat on the right hand side.

About five minutes later, I saw three men come out of the house and walk direct to the car in which I was sitting. I heard these men talk and recognized immediately the voice of Emil Wanatka. When they got to the car, Emil was ordered to get into the driver's seat and to start the car. The other man whom I later learned to be Alvin Koerner was ordered into the rear seat, where I was sitting. The man who did the commanding, was dressed in a brown suede jacket. He went around to the front of the car and entered it on the right side and seated

himself beside Wanatka, who at this time already was behind the wheel. I heard Wanatka say to him, 'Jimmy, I have no keys for this car.'

While Wanatka was endeavoring to start the car, I noticed another car pull up alongside of ours on the right side. In this car I only saw one man, who was the driver. Immediately after the other car came to a complete stop, a few words, which I do not recall, were exchanged between 'Jimmy' and someone in the other car. Just as soon as 'Jimmy's' attention was directed to the other car, Wanatka and Koerner took the opportunity to escape from the car in which we were seated. At this time, I heard 'Jimmy' say something about officers and vests and then commenced shooting into the other car. As I recall it, 'Jimmy' started firing while seated in the car and after a few shots he left the car on the right hand side, shooting while in the act of leaving. While the shooting was in progress, my thoughts were of escape and at this time I noticed Wanatka and Koerner at the southwest corner of Koerner's home. I slid across the seat to the left side of the car and while searching for the latch of the rear left door, the other car backed out of the entrance. I immediately turned my head to the right and noticed a man, whom I later learned to be W. G. Baum, topple over the fence in a sideward position. Up to this time, the shooting was still in progress, but I was unable to state where the shots came from. A few seconds after I saw Baum fall over the fence, I noticed a man whom I later learned to be Christensen lying on the shoulder of the road. The next I know I was confronted by a man, whom I later learned to be Mr. Newman, and after identifying myself, he ordered me out of the car. I left the car by the right rear door with my hands raised and proceeded to Koerner's home with him for assistance. After being unsuccessful in entering Koerner's home, I drove Mr. Newman to Voss' place in George La Porte's car.

I have read the above statement and swear that it is true to the best of my knowledge.

(Signed)

CARL J. CHRISTENSEN

Witnesses:

H. C. Suran, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
Kansas City, Mo.

J. L. Madala, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
Chicago, Illinois. "

INTERVIEW WITH CARL F. CHRISTENSEN

In addition to the above signed statement, Mr. Carl F. Christensen furnished the following information to Special Agent John F. Madala:

Agent exhibited to Mr. Christensen, a photograph of GEORGE WILSON, but he was unable to identify same as the man who shot into the car driven by Agent Newman at Koerner's place, giving the reason that it was so dark that night he could not distinguish this man's features and, therefore, doubted whether he could recognize this man should he ever see him again.

With regard to the details that followed the shooting of Baum, Newman and C. C. Christensen at Koerner's place, Mr. C. J. Christensen stated that after the coupe disappeared from the scene of the shooting, Agent Newman came to the right side of the car and ordered him out. At the point of his gun. He left the car with his hands raised and when he got out, Agent Newman questioned him as to his identity. Christensen identified himself, stating that he was a C.C.C. worker and that he was acquainted with Alvin Koerner. Newman then stated, "We're going in here (Koerner's) to get assistance for Christensen, the constable, and Agent Baum". He then asked if he knew the Christensen that got wounded. Carl replied, "Yes". Newman then ordered him to knock on Koerner's door and inform them that three men were lying on the road fatally wounded and that they needed medical assistance; also, to permit them into the house for the use of the phone. Christensen advised he rapped on the door and called for Alvin Koerner, but there was no response. Both he and Newman then proceeded to the rear of the house and knocked on the kitchen window, where Agent Newman displayed his badge to some of the people on the inside, but this also was of no avail. After making repeated efforts to enter the house, all of which were unsuccessful, Agent Newman said, "I'm going to Vosses and you're going with me". Christensen said, "The hell I am, I'm staying right here." Newman stated, "Q-- D-- you, you're going with me", at the same time putting more pressure on his gun which he had against Christensen's side or back. Christensen finally agreed to go and they both started walking up to the road entrance towards Highway 51. When they reached the highway, Christensen suggested they go back to Laporte's car and try to start it. Agent Newman agreed to this and ordered Christensen into the driver's seat. The latter got in, found the keys in the car and drove Newman to Voss' place. Upon arriving there, they were met by more Federal officers and after Newman explained to them what had happened, he was taken to another room where Mrs. Voss dressed his wound. About ten minutes later, Christensen, Mr. Hami and another Agent left Voss' place in Mr. Hami's car. Christensen went along at Agent Newman's suggestion, as he knew where the bodies of Agent Baum and the Constable were located.



After they arrived at Koerner's place, Christensen pointed out to Mr. Hammi where the wounded lay and he aided Mr. Hammi in carrying the Constable's body into Hammi's car. They placed Agent Baum's body into the rear of Emil Wanatka's truck, which was parked near the point where the bodies lay. This truck had apparently arrived there prior to their arrival on the scene. After both bodies were placed in the respective cars, Christensen directed Mr. Hammi to "Little Bohemia", where some ammunition was unloaded for the use of the Agents there, after which they returned to Yoncos and picked up Agent Newman. When leaving this place, Agent Newman and the wounded Constable were seated in the rear seat of Mr. Hammi's car and Mr. Hammi, another Federal agent, and himself, were in the front. Christensen then directed Mr. Hammi to the Twin City Hospital at Ironwood, Michigan, being followed by Emil Wanatka's truck, which contained the body of Agent Baum. They arrived at the hospital a short while later, whereupon Christensen assisted in carrying Agent Baum's body into the hospital. A few hours later, Mr. Hammi returned to the vicinity of "Little Bohemia", where he reported to another Federal officer, after which he (Christensen) was driven to his camp.

#### INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE LAPORTE:

George LaPorte, who resides on Highway #51, south of the Northern Lights Hotel, Manitowish, Wisconsin, was interviewed on April 24, 1934 by Special Agent S. K. McKee. LaPorte said that around 9:00 P.M. on Sunday Night, April 22, 1934, while at his home, he heard machine gun fire coming from the direction of "Little Bohemia". That he knew something was wrong as Emil Wanatka and Henry Voss had told him that JOHN DILLINGER and some of his gang were staying at Little Bohemia and LaPorte's sister, Mrs. Emil Wanatka, had said there were eight men and two women in the gang. LaPorte stated he talked with one Henry Iverson around 4:00 P.M., Sunday, about forming a posse and "taking" the gang, but that this was decided against, as Lloyd LaPorte, a brother had told him that Emil Wanatka and Henry Voss had notified the Federal authorities of the presence of Dillinger, and as it was decided it would be best to wait until the authorities arrived before taking any action.

LaPorte related that shortly thereafter he received a telephone call from Alvin Koerner in which Koerner said he had been called by a man named Morris from "Little Bohemia", who had said that "Everybody at Emil's place had been knocked out". LaPorte said he got his rifle and



drove in his Ford car to the C.C.C. Camp on Route #51, where he told the officers in charge that there had been trouble at Little Bohemia and asked them to accompany him to the place. He said Dr. Roberts and Carl Christensen from the Camp went with him to Little Bohemia, where all three identified themselves to the Federal officers; that shortly after their arrival, Emil Wanatka and his two employees named Traube and Bazzo, came out of the main building and asked him to take them to Alvin Koerner's home to get some coats as it was cold and misty and as the officers would not permit them to return to the inside of the tavern to get their coats; that he, LaPorte, remained at Little Bohemia for about one hour in all; that, as requested, he drove Wanatka, Bazzo, and Traube to Koerner's home, Christensen still being in the car. Upon arriving at Koerner's home, Christensen remained in the car and kept with him LaPorte's rifle, which was on the rear seat. Christensen was, likewise, sitting on the rear seat. LaPorte said the remaining four men ran to Koerner's front door, running on account of the cold, and that the front door was opened before anyone had knocked, by a short man with light brown hair, to whom Emil Wanatka, Bazzo, and Traube spoke, using the name "Jimmy". The photograph of GEORGE NELSON alias "BABY FACE", which appears on Chicago Police Department bulletins, was shown to LaPorte, along with others, and he identified it without hesitation, as the likeness of the man "Jimmy", who opened the door at Koerner's home.

LaPorte stated that Jimmy had an automatic pistol in his hand, which appeared to be either a .38 or a .45 caliber Colt and that he kept the four men who had just come to the door, covered by moving the pistol around in a semi-circle in the direction of the group, telling them he would kill somebody if they didn't do what he said. LaPorte said that he and his companions were forced to enter the house and that besides Nelson alias Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Koerner and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lange, were in the living room. According to LaPorte, the time was approximately 11:00 P.M.

LaPorte related that Jimmy said he wanted the car that had just driven up and that Emil Wanatka was to drive it for him. Emil protested to this, saying that it was gold and that he didn't have a coat, but Jimmy told him to get going. LaPorte said Jimmy forced Emil, Koerner and Traube out of the house at the point of his gun for the purpose of taking them with him and that he started to take Mrs. Koerner with him but desisted from his efforts to make her go along when she cried out and protested that she could not leave her children. LaPorte said about a minute after the front door was closed, another car drove up to the house from Route No. 51, this being seen from one of the

windows and almost immediately thereafter, two bursts of shots were heard. At about the same time, Koerner, Traube and Bango ran back into the house through the front door, which LaPorte opened and Koerner immediately locked the door.

LaPorte advised that he did not see the shooting which occurred in front of the house and that what he knows concerning same is entirely hearsay.

LaPorte went on to relate that Agent Jay C. Newman and Constable Carl Christensen came to the house shortly after the shooting, told the Koerners they were wounded and asked for admittance, but that the Koerners would not permit anybody to open the door because they were so frightened. He said that Agent Newman even held his badge up to the window and lit a match to illuminate it, but the Koerners were too frightened to let them come in, saying that somebody else might come in too. LaPorte said it was fully an hour before the Koerners would open their door and that other men came and took Agent Newman and Constable Christensen away.

#### INTERVIEW WITH FLORA ELLA ROBINS:

FLORA ELLA ROBINS, who is employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Koerner, Manitowish, Wisconsin, was interviewed on April 24, 1934, by Special Agent S. K. McKee, and she informed that on Saturday Night, April 22, 1934, she did not see any of the persons at the Koerner home until after the shooting had occurred. She said she heard the people talking in the living room and got out of bed to see who was in the room; that she had gotten almost to the door when she heard a man say in a threatening voice, that he would kill anybody who didn't do what he said; that she became frightened and went back to her room and remained there until after the shooting took place.

#### INTERVIEW WITH MR. AND MRS. R. T. COLLINS:

On April 24, 1934, Special Agents T. D. Melvin and H. H. Heinicke interviewed Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Collins, who operate Phillips 66 Gasoline Station, one-half block north of the main corner in Mercer, Wisconsin on U. S. Highway No. 51. This is about fifteen miles North of Little Bohemia. They stated that about 11:15 P.M., Sunday, April 22, 1934, they were sitting in the front room of their filling station house and saw a car drive in, occupied by a man and woman. The car was a Ford V-8 four door sedan, dark in color (black or dark blue) and yellow or red wire wheels.

It was a late 1933 or a 1934 model. It was thought to carry Illinois license plates, but might have been Minnesota plates. The number was not remembered as the plates were covered with mud. The right rear tire was off and the car was being driven on the rim. The car was driven between the gasoline pump and the house. Mr. Collins went out and the man asked him to change the spare tire, which was on the rear, to the tireless wheel and fill the gas tank. The rim was all battered from being driven some distance without the tire, the man saying they had had a blowout about ten miles down the road. Mr. Collins changed the wheels as directed and filled the tank with gasoline, the entire operation taking from thirty to forty-five minutes. During this time, the man was in and out of the house and walking around outside. The woman had immediately gotten out of the car and gone into the house where Mrs. Collins was. No bullet holes were noted anywhere on the car and no glass in the car was seen to be broken. The man and woman were quite excited. Mr. Collins was not asked to check the oil and water, and he gathered the impression that he was not wanted around the front of the car, which might have been damaged.

Mrs. Collins tried to visit with the lady inside the house but she said very little, refusing even to sit down when invited to. She appeared very nervous.

The man, on one of his trips into the house, asked Mrs. Collins the way to Minneapolis. She advised him to go north on U. S. No. 51 to Hurley, Wisconsin, although she said she didn't know much about it. Mr. Collins told the man the road to Hurley was in bad condition and suggested going south to Tomahawk, Wisconsin, but the man didn't want to do this. He said they had been visiting in Wausau and had just come through Tomahawk. (To go south as directed by Mr. Collins, would have taken them past Little Bohemia).

The woman was described by Mrs. Collins as follows:

Age:	25 to 30 years
Height:	Slightly over 5 feet
Weight:	140-150 pounds
Build:	Short and stout
Hair:	Red - cut very short
Clothing:	Wore dark blue or black cloth coat with brown fur collar which did not join in the back. Small black hat with nose veil; Black patent leather shoes (new and were hurting her feet);



(Description - continued)

Clothing: Gunmetal shade silk stockings;  
Light blue dress with two blue  
rosettes on front at neck.

Mrs. Collins positively identified a photograph of PAT O'BRIEN as being the same as this woman. Mr. Collins said there was a likeness but would not be sure as he saw little of her.

The man was described by Mr. and Mrs. Collins as follows:

Age:	About 30 years
Height:	Not tall, about 5 feet
	5 or 5 inches
Build:	Medium - slim frame
Hair:	Sandy colored
Complexion:	Fair
Clothing:	Gray overcoat and gray cap; dark suit.

Photographs of all subjects available were exhibited without any identification being made.

Mrs. Collins said that the man appeared to have been eating sandy, as some was smeared on the left side of his mouth. This might have been dirt or blood, she said, although neither the man nor the woman appeared wounded. Once while the man and woman were in the house, they each had a bottle of pop, given them by Mrs. Collins. The man ordered another bottle and when Mrs. Collins returned with it she noticed them talking and the woman shook her head on seeing Mrs. Collins.

The bill for tire changing and gas was \$2.14. The man paid with two one dollar bills and two quarters, telling Mr. Collins to keep the change. When they drove away, they went north on U. S. Highway 51 in the direction of Hurley, Wisconsin.

The next morning about 8:15 o'clock, Mrs. Collins was looking out her front window and saw this same car with the same occupants drive by, going south on U. S. Highway 51.

About this same time, Mr. Virgil Moon, a State Forest Ranger, drove up with his Ford pickup truck and exhibited a tire he said he had found down the road and Mr. and Mrs. Collins believe it was the one lost by the car above described. Mr. Collins could not state what kind of tires were on the Ford Sedan.

Mr. Collins advised that several days ago, he had seen a large Buick coupe with a large trunk behind go north and later south past his place. (Such a car was found at Little Bohemia, abandoned by Dillinger's gang.)

On April 23, 1934, which was subsequent to the above interview, Inspector W. A. Rorer and Special Agent M. B. Rhodes interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Collins and exhibited to them a photograph of ALBERT W. REILLY alias Pat Reilly, previously referred to herein, and asked them if this is a photograph of the man who drove up to their filling station about 11:15 P.M., April 22, 1934, with a woman, as previously reported herein. After looking at this picture, Mr. Collins positively identified it as a photograph of the above referred to man. Mrs. Collins was not as positive in her identification as her husband, but said the picture strongly resembled the man.

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING SUSPICIOUS CAR:

On April 23, 1934, Special Agents M. C. Falkner and H. H. Reinecke received information from the Sheriff that a car had been seen to drive into a side road earlier in the day, leading to an abandoned house on Sand Lake, about fifteen miles from Little Bohemia. It was believed that possibly one or two of the fugitives were hiding there. These Agents, accompanied by two deputy sheriffs and a driver, proceeded to this place and found that the car which had driven in belonged to two trappers. The car was still there. The abandoned house and outbuildings were searched, but none of the fugitives was found.

#### INVESTIGATION CONCERNING STOLEN PACKARD CAR:

On April 23, 1934, Agent J. J. Waters had received information from some source that a Packard Sedan was found abandoned on County Trunk Road "W", about twenty-five miles northwest of "Little Bohemia". This car was reported stolen from Henry Kuhnert, proprietor of the Northern Lights Hotel, on the night following the raid of "Little Bohemia".

Agent M. C. Falkner proceeded to a point on County Trunk Road W, twenty-three miles northwest of "Little Bohemia", where the Packard Sedan, green, five passenger, vehicle #149893, 1934 Wisconsin license #3611, was

located in a ditch beside the road. The only house in the vicinity is the Papoose Lodge, operator, Cy Graham. The surrounding country is

At the Northern Lakes Hotel, in, about  
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INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HOFFMAN

Resort.

HOFFMAN stated that he is 28 years of age and resides at Maroon, Wisconsin with his mother, Mrs. Alice Hoffman. He stated that three brothers who also reside at Maroon, Wisconsin, namely, Walter Hoffman and Donald Hoffman, and a brother, Walter Hoffman, who resides in Wisconsin. Hoffman advised he is employed by the City of Maroon, Wisconsin as a night watchman. He stated that about 11:00 P.M. on the night of April 4, 1934, he took his wife, Anna Hoffman, and Eugene Hoffmann, son of Walter Hoffman, to the Little Bohemia Resort, where they remained for about one hour. The three of them left the tavern through the back door and entered a Chevrolet coupe, which was parked in the rear of the building, near the kitchen door. He stated that he noticed at that time a car with the top down in the driveway near Hoffmann's car. He stated he got into the car, in the driver's seat, Hoffmann in the middle with Hoffman in the outside. He stated that when he started, he immediately turned to the right and a few seconds later started to turn the car to the right towards the building. At that time he heard glass breaking and it was at this time he was shot in the right arm and about the elbow.

Hoffman stated this was the first time he knew anyone was in the vicinity with guns and he, at no time, heard commands to halt.



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#### INTERVIEW WITH JOHN MORRIS

JOHN MORRIS, who was born at the Little Bohemia  
and married to the Grand Jury, was born at  
Morris, on April 25, 1907.

MORRIS stated he is 49 years of age, was raised in  
Wisconsin; that he is single, his wife being deceased; that he was  
by the State Rangers as a cook.

Morris stated he went to the Little Bohemia Resort with Hoffman  
and Eugene Biosoneau at about 8:00 P.M., on April 22, 1934 and left that  
place with them, going to Hoffman's car, which was parked in the rear



of the house. He stated he heard no commands to halt and the first he knew there were armed men in the vicinity, is when the firing began and he was shot. He stated that after being shot, he opened the door and fell to the ground and later made his way back into the house, where he used the telephone in an effort to get a doctor.

After telephoning, he said he went to the toilet near the bar in the house and there was another man there. He observed the photographs of the mob and selected that of GEORGE NELSON as being this man. He was unable to state he had seen any of the others there. He stated he did not know when this man left the toilet.

Owing to the physical condition of JOHN MORRIS, no effort was made to obtain a signed statement from him at this time.

#### INTERVIEW WITH DR. W. H. WACEK:

DR. W. H. WACEK, House Physician, Grand View Hospital, Ironwood, Michigan, advised Special Agents Suran and McKee, that Hoffman was suffering from a flesh wound above the right elbow, caused by a gun shot and that there were numerous small cuts about his face caused by glass. Dr. Wacek turned over to Special Agent McKee, a pellet from a shotgun which was taken from the gunshot wound. Hoffman's condition is not serious.

Dr. Wacek advised that John Morris was suffering from a double puncture wound through the right shoulder region, but the lung was not hit; that Morris also has a gunshot wound from the upper pole of left kidney to mid-axillary line. Morris was operated on and a slug removed from this wound and turned over to Agent Suran on April 25, 1934. Morris is in critical condition.

Constable Carl Christian Christensen was interviewed by Special Agent Suran on April 25, 1934 and the following statement secured:

#### SIGNED STATEMENTS OF CARL C. CHRISTENSEN:

Ironwood, Mich.  
April 25, 1934.

I, CARL CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN, do voluntarily make the following statement to H. U. Suran, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

On April 22, 1934, at about 10:30 P.M., Special Agents Jay C. Newman and W. Carter Baum came to my home at Spider Lake, Wisconsin, at which place I am the constable. They were driving a Ford V-8 Coupe. I advised them of the Packard car which had been stolen a short time before from Henry Kuhner, apparently by one of the men who had escaped from Little Bohemia.

I got into the agent's car, sitting on the outside, while Agent Newman was driving and Agent Baum was sitting in the middle. We then drove to Voss' Resort, where we received information that a car had driven into Koerner's resort without lights.

The three of us immediately proceeded towards Koerner's place and when we arrived near Koerner's, we saw a Chevrolet Sedan parked without lights on U. S. Highway No. 51, by the side of Koerner's place.

We drove up to this car cautiously and observed no one was in the car. I did not recognize the car as being a local car and informed the agents it was a stranger's car. We then took the license number. We then continued on in the Ford Coupe to the entrance of Koerner's place and saw a car in front of the house, without lights. We could not see what make of car it was. Agent Newman then turned the lights of our car on the car in front of the house and I informed the agents it was a neighbor's car, as I recognized it as being the car of George La Porte.

We pulled up on the right side of La Porte's car and had not come to a complete stop when a man jumped out of the front seat of La Porte's car and pushed an automatic pistol through the open window of our car on the side occupied by Agent Newman.

I have been shown a photograph of one GEORGE NELSON alias "Baby Face", appearing in the Chicago Police bulletins and state that it is the likeness of this man.

NELSON said, "I know who you are, a dirty God Damn bunch of cops with vests on. I'll shoot you in the heads anyway." At this point, the man started shooting. I had my revolver in my hand and apparently the man's first shot knocked it from my hand. Agent Newman at this time got out of the car and fell, apparently struck by a bullet as the man continued firing. I then opened the car door and started to get out, when I felt a bullet hit me. After I got out of the car, I fell in the ditch. Then Agent Baum came out of the car and fell over the fence. The machine gun he had fell on top of me.

NELSON then got into the car and continued to fire at me while I lay in the ditch. I felt three or four more bullets hit me. The shot I felt when getting out of the car was in the back. Nelson then backed the car away and Agent Newman opened fire. I was in line of fire and one of his bullets hit me in the foot.

I then tried to get over to Agent Baum whom I heard gasping for breath, but I was unable to move.

(Signed)

CARL CHRISTENSEN

Witnesses:

Helen Kaufman,  
Ironwood, Michigan.

R. C. Suran, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Kansas City, Mo.

#### INTERVIEW WITH DR. M. A. GERTZ:

DR. M. A. GERTZ, Twin City Hospital, Ironwood, Michigan, stated that Constable Christensen was in a critical condition and was suffering from the following wounds:-

- 2 Gunshot wounds, right anterior of chest, probably a through and through wound;
- 1 Gunshot wound, left posterior of chest;
- 1 Gunshot wound, posterior surface of right chest;
- 1 Gunshot wound over left hip with fracture of left ilium;
- 1 Gunshot wound, middle right arm;
- 1 Gunshot graze on left leg;
- 1 Gunshot graze on left arm;
- 1 Gunshot wound, right foot.



Dr. Wacker stated x-ray examination disclosed only one slug in Constable Christensen, which was lodged in the hip. He stated that he could not tell whether the slug could be removed, but in the event it was removed, it would be held, pending instructions of the Division.

#### INTERVIEW WITH EDWARD MITCHELL

EDWARD MITCHELL, upon interview, advised that before midnight on April 22, 1934, three men came to the door of his residence at Mitchell's Rest Lake Resort, Manitowish, Wisconsin, and said they wanted a car; that two of the men came into the house and one remained on the outside; that Mrs. Mitchell was present when the two men came into the house and one man, who was identified as JOHN DILLINGER, said, "I am Dillinger and the Government is after me."; that with Mrs. Mitchell, he went outside with them and they did not like the looks of the Mitchell's car, so they asked who owned the car next to it and they were advised that it belonged to Robert Johnson, who resides in a small cabin on the Mitchell property.

Mrs. Mitchell stated that Dillinger was present and that HOMER VAN METER was probably the other individual, but that she was not certain as to this identification. She was unable to describe or identify the third man.

Edward Mitchell said that because of his bad eyesight, he could not identify any of the individuals present; that after leaving his house, the men went over to Johnson's cabin to get his car.

#### INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT L. JOHNSON

On April 23, 1934, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. C. Nelson. Agent interviewed Mr. Robert L. Johnson, s/o Mitchell's Rest Lake Resort, Manitowish, Wisconsin, who stated that he and his wife are residing in a small cottage on Mitchell's Rest Lake Resort, and that about 10:00 P.M. on the night of April 22, 1934, he was called to the door by some one shouting that he was in bed and immediately dressed and with a flashlight went to the door; that there were three men standing outside in the darkness and they shouted to him to turn the flashlight down to the ground and come out; that he obeyed these instructions and was told to drive his 1930 Ford Coupe, Motor A2, 98 color black, with a small green stripe below the windows; that this

car had 1934 Wisconsin plates #2658 and had a rumble seat with the cushions out; that two men got in the front seat and one in the rumble seat; that they then told him to get behind the wheel and drive.

Mr. Johnson positively identified the photographs of BILLINGER and VAN METER as being the men in the front seat with him, Billinger having a .45 automatic pistol in his hand and VAN METER a sub-machine gun in his lap; that after driving about fifty miles, they told him to get out and keep walking until morning, after Billinger had given him a five dollar bill and two one dollar bills. The five dollar bill bears No. B-78665834-A.

Johnson further advised that he was let out near Pixley Dam, which is about seven miles from Park Falls, Wisconsin and was told by one of the men that the car would be found between Park Falls and Chicago; that he then walked to the caretaker's lodge at Pixley Dam and waited for Palmer Hanen, a friend, to pick him up, after telephoning to Manitowish, his home.

Johnson stated he could not describe or identify the third man as he was in the rumble seat all the time.

#### INVESTIGATION - ABANDONED FORD COUPE:

During the evening of April 24, 1934, Inspector W. A. Rorer was advised by Deputy Sheriff William Paquette, that the Ford Coupe in which Subject NELSON had escaped, had been found abandoned near Boulder Junction, Wisconsin and had been driven to the Boulder Junction Garage.

Special Agents Falkner and Melvin conducted the following investigation on April 25, 1934:

Interview was had with Norman Drewson, proprietor of the Boulder Junction Garage, Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, who stated that Mrs. Wilbur Alt, who drives a school bus, had noticed an abandoned car on the old road near the farm of Ellert Engstrom, about six miles west of Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, and had reported the finding of the car to Ellert Engstrom, who ascertained that it was the car in which Subject NELSON had escaped; that with Engstrom and Leon Greenyner, he went out and found the car mired in the mud with the right front tire flat and badly torn and with the spare tire and cover off and in the woods nearby; that no one touched the cover and lock, except himself and he handled same with mittens; that the rest of the car, however, was handled without gloves by Engstrom, Greenyner and himself; that the trip to obtain the



car was made at about 7:00 P.M.; that the following day, April 25, 1934, Ellert Engstrom found a suitcase, two gas masks, a case with field glasses, a camera and a small leather satchel in the woods, about thirty to fifty feet from the car; that apparently the driver of the car had made efforts to place the spare tire on the front wheel, which had been punctured, but had given up this proposition before the attempt was effected; that the car was missed on the road about nearly two hours of work to get it on the road again; that he then drove the car by its own power to his garage at Boulder Junction, where it was stored and had not been touched by anyone.

Agents interviewed Ellert Engstrom, Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, who stated on April 24, 1934 he was advised by Mrs. Wilbur A. that an abandoned Ford Coupe was on the old River Road near the New River Road, Boulder Junction, Wisconsin; that he ascertained from Deputy Sheriff Paquette that it was the car in which Subject NELSON had escaped; that the car was facing in a southeasterly direction on the old River Road about five hundred yards from the junction of the old River Road with the new River Road, and about five miles from U. S. Highway No. 51, off which he had apparently turned; that at about midnight on April 22, 1934, he was in his home, on Highway No. 51, when he and his wife heard a car travelling east along this road (which is the direction leading from the Little Bohemia Inn) at a high rate of speed and making a great deal of noise; that he supposed the car was either traveling on a flat tire or was equipped with chains; that his wife remarked that a car making so much noise must be an old one; that he looked out the front window of his house and saw the car, which was a new looking coupe, equipped with yellow wheels and a spot light and two rear lights, one on each rear fender; that when the car passed the front of his house, the occupant of the car turned the spotlight on his, Engstrom's, car, which was parked in front of the house.

Ellert Engstrom further stated that when he saw the abandoned car in question, he immediately identified it as being the same car which passed his home, as above described; that upon seeing the abandoned car, he made a note of the license number and notified the office of the County Sheriff; that he should have reported the car which passed his home at midnight on April 22, 1934, but neglected to do so.

Agents Falkner and Melvin, in company with Deputy Sheriff C. H. Ashton, Justice of the Peace Earl Tracy, Constable Eric Ohlsson and Deputy Sheriff Emil Budreen, investigated at numerous summer cabins (now unoccupied) in the vicinity of the point where the car was found abandoned. These county officers are thoroughly familiar with all of the lakes and summer resort regions in the neighborhood and all of the

houses searched were those selected by these officials as being places where a fugitive seeking cover in the vicinity might find refuge. No trace was found of anyone having occupied any of the houses searched.

Agents gave these county officials detailed descriptions of NELSON and they stated that they would make their own independent investigations from time to time in an effort to locate NELSON.

Agents investigated in the neighborhood of the place where the car was located, but no one could be found who could give any information whatever, relative to the steps taken by Nelson upon leaving the car. None of the neighbors had heard of a car being stolen or of anyone renting a car in the vicinity.

Agents checked the abandoned car and found it to be as follows:  
1934 Ford Standard Coupe, Motor Number 863808;  
license - 1934 Wisconsin Number 166589;  
black body, yellow wire wheels, spotlight and a  
tail light on each rear fender.

The above car is the one used by Division Agents at the time of the raid on Little Bohemia Inn and is the one in which Agents Baum and Newman and Constable Christensen occupied when they were shot by NELSON and is the property of Isadore Tushalski, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, to whom Agents delivered the car on April 25, 1934. Recovery of this car was on the same date reported to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, Chicago, with the request that he notify Inspector H. H. Clegg, Saint Paul, Minnesota, in order that he may notify the peace officers in the Saint Paul District, while Special Agent in Charge Purvis is to notify those in his district.

The Sheriffs at Hurley and Eagle River, Wisconsin were notified of the recovery of the car this date.

#### CONCLUSION

The originals of the signed statements of Earl Wamatka, Alvin Koerner and Carl Christensen, who were present at the shooting of Agents Baum and Newman and Constable Carl C. Christensen, are being filed in the Chicago Division Office. The same disposition is being made of the signed statement of Constable Carl C. Christensen.

This investigation is being continued in the region of Manitowish, Wisconsin by developing additional leads and leads incidental to those contained in this report.


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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/27/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/6 to 25/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>V. W. PETERSON</b>	NO
TITLE <b>Charged: JERRY HERBERT DILLINGER, aliases; John Hall, John Donovan Hall, Clarence Eruse, Joseph J. Harris, J. M. Donovan, Kirby, Frank Sullivan, Carl T. Hallman - FUGITIVE, I. O. 22171; HERBERT F. HLOOD (Deceased); JOHN HAMILTON alias John Campbell, I. O. 21260; EDWARD GREEN, aliases: Eddie Green, Harry Green, George Green, George Graham, Eugene Green, Charles Ryan, Frederick Riley, Fred A. Stevens, Fred Rogge, Fred Graham, J. S. Makely - (Deceased); EVELYN FRASCHETTI, aliases: "Billie" Spark, "Billie" Martin, Mary Evelyn Frachetti, Evelyn Spark, Evelyn Frachetti, Evelyn Frischetti, Grace A. Edwards, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. J. Hughes, "Billie"; MRS. MELBA SCHUBERT, aliases: Mrs. T. J. Randall, Beth Green, Mrs. B. A. Stevens, Mrs. Eva Green, Bessie Walsh, Bessie Moore, Bessie Randall, Bessie Green, Elizabeth Kline, Hester Hinds, Mrs. J. S. Makely; HENRY VAN WYCK, aliases: Kenneth Jackson, Kenneth R. Jackson, John L. Ogar, I. O. 21221; Ed. CLAYTON E. MAY; MRS. AUGUSTA SALT alias Mrs. Cornelia La Delle; ALBERT P. REILLY alias Pat Reilly; DR. NELS G. MORTENSEN; MRS. ISAAC STEVEN; LEONARD M. GILLIS, aliases: Alex Gillis, Lester Giles, George Nelson, "Big George", "Jimmy".</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Lincoln automobile motor No. KA 389 held by Rochester, Minnesota, police under suspicious circumstances, was taken March 9, 1934, from a chauffeur in Chicago by gunmen, one of whom has been partially identified as Dillinger. Buick coupe recovered at Little Bohemia, Spider Lake, Wisconsin, April 22, 1934, was sold by Heinz Motor Company, Niles Center, Illinois, to Ben F. Nelson for delivery to Helen Ferguson. Nelson formerly sold a Buick believed to have been used by Albert Bates in American Express robbery. Further investigation in progress. Investigation pertaining to safety deposit box key found in Dillinger apartment, St. Paul, disclosed that same was for box rented				
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center;">   <b>M. H. Quinn</b>          Special Agent in Charge       </div>				
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with Firestone tires; two spare wheels and tires carried on side mounts.

The speedometer mileage is approximately 8000 miles.

Additional equipment consists of front and rear bumpers and metal tire covers.

For identification purposes; the monogram P F B appears on each of the rear doors, and the belt line moulding on the left front door has several small check marks which were caused by doors of parked cars coming in contact with this door when opened.

Said car was taken from me in a hold-up Friday evening, March 9th, 1934, at about 10:20 P.M. I was in charge of the car. I was parked on the east side of Lake View Avenue, waiting for Mrs. Stern and her party. I was sitting in the driver's seat of the car reading a newspaper when a man knocked on the right front door glass and inquired if I had a match. Somehow, I sensed trouble and looked to my left, having in mind to get out of the car, but just then a second man appeared on the left side of the car with gun drawn and informed me it was a stick-up. He ordered me to get in the tonneau of the car and followed me, while the other man took my chauffeur's cap and started to drive away with the car. He drove south on Lake View Avenue to Fullerton Avenue. At this point the gunman with me ordered me to get down on the floor, and he kept me covered with a machine gun. The car was driven west on Fullerton Avenue to Clark Street, north on Clark Street to Wrightwood Avenue and then west for three or four blocks where I was told to get out of the car.

After I got out they continued west. I hailed a cab and went to 2440 Lake View Avenue, and reported what had happened to my employer, Mrs. H. Stern, and also notified the Sheffield Avenue police immediately. A squad called for me and took me to the police station where I made a complete report and also gave them as accurate a description of the two men as I possibly could.

I am certain that the gunman in the tonneau of the car with me was none other than the notorious criminal, Dillinger.

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After my return to 2440 Lake View Avenue I learned that the doorman at this address, Mr. Epstein, was a witness to the stickup.

This car was purchased new May, 1933, from Lincoln Motor Company at a cost of \$3600.00.

There is no other insurance covering fire and theft and it is not encumbered by any lien or mortgage. No policy of insurance has ever been cancelled and I have had no previous total loss by either fire or theft.

The car is used for pleasure only, never rented out for hire and is kept in the South Shore Garage.

The foregoing statement made and read by me is true and correct.

Signed: J. Gaskin.

March 10th, 1934.

Witness: J. H. Rech\*

On the afternoon of April 25, 1934, Special Agent R. B. Brown interviewed James Gaskin in the Chicago Division office. Mr. Gaskin was accompanied at that time by John P. Humphreys, attorney for Graves, Whitney and Miller, insurance adjusters, 125 West Jackson Street, Chicago. The statement provided by James Gaskin to the insurance company was examined in the presence of Mr. Gaskin and he corroborated the information contained therein, except that he stated that the man who sat in the tannish of the car with him at the time of the holdup "looked like" John Dillinger, but he stated that he is not positive that the holdup man in question was actually Dillinger. It may be stated in this respect, however, that Gaskin is extremely frightened and apparently did not care to be interviewed in connection with this matter. Photographs of all persons who are known to be associates of Dillinger were shown to Mr. Gaskin by Special Agent Brown, but he was unable to identify any of them as being those of the gunmen who took the car from him on March 9, 1934. He described the driver as follows:

Age	About 35
Height	About 5' 10"
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark; thin face
	Wore dark hat, topcoat and suit.



Gaskin informed Agent Brown that the doorman at 3440 Lake View Avenue, the name of whom is Weiss, informed him that he saw a brown colored Studebaker sedan drive up behind the Lincoln and stop on the occasion of the holdup; that two men got out of the car and went over to the Lincoln sedan and two additional men remained in the car. Gaskin also stated that a chauffeur by the name of "Fritz" was sitting directly across the street at the time and because of the opinion that something was wrong and thereafter followed the Studebaker for several blocks. It is not known if "Fritz" obtained the license number of the Studebaker, however, and the address or identification of "Fritz" is unknown.

Mr. Clegg requested by telephone that the following car be checked through the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau:

Ford V-8 DeLuxe sedan, Minnesota license, 1934,  
No. B 198-248, motor No. 18-694580.

According to Mr. Clegg, this car was purchased by Tommy Carroll at Mankato, Minnesota, at the time he abandoned a Hudson sedan and it was stated that the present whereabouts of the car in question is known to the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau.

Special Agent J. C. White conducted investigation at the office of the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, 166 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois, from which place he received information that Ford sedan bearing motor No. 18-694580 was assembled at the Chicago branch of the Ford Motor Company and shipped to the Garden Ziesman Company, Mankato, Minnesota, on March 6, 1934. The Automobile Protective and Information Bureau referred the matter to Pat Henry, Chief of Police, Mankato, Minnesota, who sent a telegram to this company as follows:

"DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WORKING ON FORD MOTOR ONE  
EIGHT DASH SIX NINE FOUR FIVE EIGHT NAUGHT CAR  
OK AND PAID FOR"

The file of the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau failed to disclose any further information pertaining to this car and no information with reference to the present whereabouts of the car is available.

At the time John Dillinger and associates escaped from Little Bohemia at Spider Lake, Wisconsin, on April 22, 1934, a Ford V-8 sedan, motor No. 18-751873, bearing Illinois license plates No. 338-557, and a black coupe motor No. 2845179, with California license plates No. 5-K-1763, were recovered by Special Agents of this Division. As indicated in previous reports, Illinois license plates No. 338-557 were issued to one Art Morton for Ford sedan, motor No. 18-317244, which car was abandoned by Dillinger and Hamilton at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. It will also be observed that Illinois license plates No. 338-557 were seen on the car used to transport Evelyn Frechette to the Austin State Tavern, Chicago, Illinois, on the night of her capture, April 9, 1934.

In connection with the California license plates No. 5-K-1763, which were found on the Buick coupe recovered at Little Bohemia, it is stated that a telephone call was made to Special Agent in Charge J. E. P. Dunn of the Los Angeles Division office, who advised by telephone that 1934 California license plates No. 5-K-1763 were issued to Eugene J. Mazette, 147 Villa Avenue, San Raphael, California, for a 1934 Ford coupe. According to Mr. Dunn, Mr. Mazette advised that the license plates issued to him for the said car had been stolen from him several months ago, and that he had never reported the matter to the police.

With reference to the Buick coupe in question, Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, advised by telegram dated April 25, 1934, that black sport Buick coupe, model 888, bearing motor No. 2845179, was shipped in June, 1933, to the Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac Company, Buick distributors for the Heinz Motor Company, Niles Center, Illinois. Special Agent S. K. McKee interviewed Harry Heinz, proprietor, Heinz Motor Company, Niles Center, Illinois, and Mr. Heinz stated that the Buick coupe previously mentioned was purchased on June 10, 1933, by one Ben F. Nelson for delivery to one Helen Ferguson, the address of whom has never been provided. Ben F. Nelson is connected with the 55th and Lake Park Garage, 5506 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago. Mr. Harry Heinz exhibited to Agent McKee certain correspondence received from the American Express Company relating to a Buick Victoria Coupe, which had been delivered by the Heinz Motor Company to Ben F. Nelson, who in turn sold the car to another individual. The Buick Victoria Coupe was later alleged to have been used in a American Express Company robbery in which it was believed Albert Bates was implicated. This information indicates that Ben F. Nelson has been engaged in the sale of cars to gangsters. Attempts have been made to contact Ben F. Nelson, but it has been impossible to interview him as yet. Further investigation

to that end, however, is in progress and Nelson will be interviewed on the earliest possible date, after which the results of this investigation will be reported.

On April 20, 1934, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley of the Cincinnati Division office, advised by telephone that a 1934 Buick coupe, bearing Illinois 1934 license plates No. 1-046-845, was seen in the vicinity of the home of Dillinger's father. Mr. Connelley further advised that 1934 Illinois license plates No. 107-398 were seen near Hubert Dillinger's home, and that another car bearing 1934 Wisconsin plates No. 22950 was observed at Mooresville, Indiana.

Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe conducted an investigation pertaining to the three license plates described above, and it was determined that 1934 Illinois license plates No. 1-046-845 were issued to A. L. Evans, Box 203, Schiller Park, Illinois, for a Buick coupe, motor No. 2101637, factory No. 2042677. Postmaster W. J. Olhaver, Schiller Park, was communicated with by telephone by Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe, telephone No. Franklin Park 286. He stated that he has met A. L. Evans personally, and that he is of the opinion that he is a carpenter by trade. He advised that Mr. Evans has resided in Schiller Park for about three years until approximately one year ago, when he left the town, but that it is his belief that Evans has now returned to Schiller Park. The Post Office box 203 is rented in the name of A. L. Evans, but Mr. Evans also receives his mail in this box. Postmaster Olhaver expressed the opinion that Mr. Evans is a man of good character and reputation. No further information was available from the Postmaster and further investigation will be conducted at Schiller Park at an early date.

It was developed that 1934 Illinois license plates No. 107-398 were issued to Henry Ganey, Mount Clare, Illinois, for a 1930 Chevrolet coupe, motor No. 2017073, factory No. 5-AD-104407. A telegram was directed to the St. Louis office requesting that investigation be conducted at Mount Clare, Illinois, and in response thereto a telegram was received under date of April 24, 1934, in which it is stated that Henry Ganey, Deputy Sheriff of Mount Clare, Illinois, bears an excellent reputation, and that he has been a resident of Mount Clare, Illinois since 1906. The telegram further advised that Illinois license plates No. 107-398 were issued to Ganey on December 26, 1933, at Springfield for Chevrolet coupe motor No. 2017073, and that said license plates have been continuously in the possession of Ganey and have never been out of the State of Illinois.



It was also developed that 1934 Wisconsin license plates No. 22950 were issued to J. L. Sinner, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, for a Chevrolet sedan, motor No. 3764573. In response to a telegram to the St. Paul office, the Chicago office was advised by telegram dated April 24, 1934, that J. L. Sinner, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, is the owner of Chevrolet sedan, Wisconsin license plates No. 22950.

Attention is directed to pages 17 to 19 of the report of Special Agent V. W. Peterson, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 23, 1934, wherein information is contained pertaining to Kirby Davis, 604 North Third Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, who is alleged to be a contact for Dillinger. Special Agent W. J. Devereux conducted investigation relative to the address in question and submitted a memorandum under date of April 23, 1934, a copy of which appears below:

[REDACTED]

Agent [REDACTED] also was informed by [REDACTED], residing at 604 Third Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, was the widow of a prominent bootlegger of Fort Wayne, Indiana, her husband having died naturally about two years ago.

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Mr. E. H. Firse, colored, mail carrier on the route covering 604 Third Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, informed Agent that for the past two months there have been cars parked at the curb of 604 Third Street, from Ohio, Michigan and Missouri. He was unable to describe the cars or the license numbers thereof. Mr. Firse also stated that about one week ago he saw a strange woman at the home of Mrs. Hanes, describing her as being dark complexioned, about thirty years of age. He stated that he saw this woman once in the grocery store across from 604 Third Street, and that she was wearing an expensive mink fur coat. Since this one time he has not seen this woman.

Agent exhibited the photographs of Patricia Cherrington, Mary Kinder and Bernice Thompson alias Opal Long to Mr. Firse and he stated that the photograph of Patricia Cherrington resembled somewhat the woman he had seen at the grocery store and

at the home of Mrs. Hanes at 604 Third Street, Fort Wayne. He also stated that he would not state definitely that Patricia Charrington was the woman he saw, but her age and other description was just about that of the woman whom he did see. He stated that he had never seen the other two women at that address or in the neighborhood.

Agent, on April 20, 1934, made a tour of the street on which Mrs. Hanes lives and noticed a late 1933 or early 1934 Chevrolet coupe bearing Missouri 1934 license No. 261-764, parked in front of the address 604 Third Street, Fort Wayne. This car was parked up to midnight of April 20, 1934, but Agent saw no one in or about the car, neither was there anyone seen in the house, although the lights in the front living room were on and the shades half way up.

On the morning of April 21, 1934, Agent again visited the neighborhood of 604 Third Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and found that the Chevrolet above mentioned was gone. Close observation was kept of the house at 604 Third Street, Fort Wayne, the balance of the day of April 21st, to midnight and the whole of April 22, 1934, to midnight, but the Chevrolet coach, Missouri 1934 license No. 261-764 had not returned. Up to noon on April 23, 1934, the car had not returned.

Agent up to noon on April 23, 1934, has seen no one entering or leaving the address 604 Third Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, but each evening the lights are on in the front of the house and the shades are half way up. There does not appear to be any attempt to conceal the inside front rooms from the street.

The neighborhood about 604 Third Street is such that a constant cover of the house cannot be kept without raising suspicion of the members of the particular house in question. Agent made investigation in the neighborhood for rented rooms, flats or houses, but no such place can be had on Third Street.

It might be noted that there is no garage on the premises at 604 Third Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, there only being a small coal or wood shed, too small to house a car.



Mrs. Hansen is described as follows: Age about 35 years, 5' 6" tall, weight 160-180 pounds, black hair, habitually appears in rather intensive face makeup, particularly eye makeup consisting of some white substance placed under the eyes.

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On April 23, 1934, Special Agent T. F. Mullen accompanied Captain Tim O'Neill and Detective Sergeant Martin Zarkovich of the Indiana Harbor Station, East Chicago, Indiana, Police Department to Warsaw, Indiana, where Sheriff H. D. Person was interviewed.

Mr. Person advised Agent Mullen that since the Dillinger raid at Warsaw, Indiana, Police Department about two weeks ago he has had five car loads of deputy sheriffs and special deputies touring the entire county down there for the purpose of trying to locate Dillinger or obtain some information concerning his hideout in that county. In addition to this, Mr. Person stated, he has circularized over two hundred grocery stores, gasoline stations, hotels and other business houses all through the county, has made several contacts so that if Dillinger or his mob return to that section of the country, he will be advised immediately. Sheriff Person stated that he is adequately equipped to handle the situation should Dillinger return into that section, stating that within one hour's notice or less he can assemble a posse of approximately fifty men consisting of two squads of police from Fort Wayne, ten National Guardsmen, who are located at Warsaw, eight special deputies in Warsaw, twenty special deputies scattered throughout Warsaw and twelve Indiana State Highway police. He further advised Agent Mullen that he would immediately communicate with this office by telephone should any information be learned concerning the present whereabouts of Dillinger in that section of Indiana.

He stated that the most likely hideouts in his county possibly would be Barbee Lake or Wawasee Lake. Wawasee Lake, Indiana, is eighteen miles north of Warsaw, Indiana. To arrive there, proceed east out of Warsaw on Route 30 to State Road 18, then turn north to

the lake. The lake is about twenty-seven miles around. There are several cottages down there and he is making contact with people who live in that immediate section to notify him immediately should Dillinger appear there.

Barbee Lake is five miles east and three miles north of Warsaw. To arrive there, proceed five miles east on Route 30 and three miles north on Barbee Road. The Barbee Road runs into the lake. The Sheriff has under-cover informants throughout there, one of whom goes there about two or three times a week to fish, and who has been able to establish himself so that there would be no question or suspicion cast about him.

Another likely hideout would be a spot eighteen miles southwest of Warsaw on Road 19, between the towns of Akron and Mentone, Indiana; that at this particular place there is a man by the name of Boggess who has a home down there and from what Sheriff Person has been able to learn of him he would not hesitate to harbor anyone. He stated that this individual has two sons, Roy and Bert Boggess, both of whom have served sentences at the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana, and who reside at the present time at 412 1/2 South Michigan Street, South Bend, Indiana; that Merritt Longbrake, who is a parole violator from Michigan City, Indiana, is reported to be more or less friendly with the Dillinger outfit; that Longbrake's present whereabouts is unknown but that Longbrake has a farm eight miles south of Warsaw, Indiana, on Route 15; that his divorced wife, Ethel, his son, Ted Longbrake, and Ted's wife and Longbrake's three sisters, names unknown, are living on this farm and that Sheriff Person says he has this farm under surveillance day and night.

Upon proceeding back to Chicago by way of South Bend, officers O'Neill and Zarkovich stopped at South Bend, Indiana, for the purpose of interviewing another under-cover informant there. Agent Mullen was able to ascertain that the name of this informant is [redacted] who resides in a house on [redacted] just a short distance off Chapin Street, South Bend, Indiana. Agent Mullen was unable to ascertain the house number but can locate the house at any time. According to Captain O'Neill this [redacted] is supposed to be well acquainted with the Dillinger mob and with their movements while down in Indiana, and he advised further that on at least two occasions since Dillinger's escape, the Dillinger mob made visits to [redacted] home.

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The East Chicago, Indiana, Police Department did not seem desirous of giving Agent Miller any additional information in connection with this man [redacted] at this time, and further, it was their desire that the South Bend, Indiana, Police Department be not advised in any way of their connection with [redacted] at South Bend, Indiana.

At about 10:00 A.M., April 30, 1934, Special Agent S. E. McKee, in company with Special Agent Arthur McLawhon, took up a surveillance of the apartment building located at 119 West Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of trailing Larry Strong, alleged contact man for Dillinger. This surveillance was commenced on instructions of Special Agent J. J. Waters and the purpose of same was the ultimate location of Opal Long, who had been lost by the Agents who were covering her in Detroit, Michigan.

Strong came out of 119 West Ontario Street at about 3:15 P.M., stopped for a few minutes at 12 West Ontario Street, and then went to Mrs. White's restaurant, 547 North State Street, where he apparently had breakfast. At about 3:35 P.M. a large blonde woman, who is apparently a waitress in Mrs. White's restaurant, came out of the restaurant and looked around the street, apparently to see if anyone was watching the restaurant. Shortly thereafter Strong came out and looked around the neighborhood, after which he boarded a Broadway street car and proceeded to 2615 North Clark Street, a cigar store which has all the appearance of being a "bookie" or gambling joint. Strong remained in the store at 2615 North Clark Street until about 3:35 P.M., at which time he came out and boarded a Wabash-Harrison Street car, leaving same at the corner of Erie and North State Streets. He went to the pool room located at 3 West Erie Street and remained there for about ten minutes, following which he went to the Parkway Store, 1 West Erie Street, which store sells confectionery items, liquors, periodicals, etc., and in the opinion of Agent McKee, is also a bookie joint. Strong remained in the Parkway Store until about 4:15 P.M., and Agents watched him from an automobile parked about fifteen yards East of State Street on the north side of Erie Street. Leaving the Parkway Store, Strong walked south on State Street and Agent McKee left the car and crossed Erie Street in order to watch him. Strong apparently entered the U Tavern at 639 North State Street, where he remained until 6:30 P.M., at which time Agents McKee and McLawhon were instructed by Special Agent Waters to drop the surveillance in view of the fact that a telephone call had been received from Special Agent Meekins of the Detroit office in which information was provided to the effect that Opal Long, together with Ed Clark had just arrived at 531 Chandler Street, Detroit. Agent Meekins advised that arrangements would be made to have an informant placed at that address.



Agent Hookins also stated that June Young, who is Patricia Young's daughter, stated that the last time she wrote to her mother the letter was addressed to 135 Belmont Avenue, Chicago. Special Agent E. G. Gillespie conducted investigation relative to that address and determined that there was no such address in the city of Chicago.

On April 23, 1934, Special Agent T. F. Mullen telephoned Special Agent T. E. Billings of the Chicago Division office from Crown Point, Indiana, and advised that he had received information through a Mr. Pierce of the Bureau of Identification, Criminal Courts Building, Crown Point, Indiana, to the effect that a letter had been received at the Crown Point Post Office for Ernest Blunk from Mr. Hoffman, Land O'Lakes Garage, Eagle River, Wisconsin, bearing an Eagle River, Wisconsin postmark, dated April 20, 1934, at 7:30 P.M. Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis provided this information to Inspector Borer at Eagle River, Wisconsin. Special Agent T. F. Mullen was instructed to conduct investigation with reference to this letter and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest S. Blunk, 718 North Main Street, Crown Point, Indiana, he interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Blunk. They informed Agent Mullen that the letter was received addressed to Mrs. Blunk and bore an Eagle River, Wisconsin, postmark, April 20, 1934; that this letter was from Margaret Hoffman, Box 694, in an envelope of the Land O'Lakes Garage, Emil Heehn, proprietor. The following information was obtained by Special Agent Mullen from Mr. and Mrs. Blunk and was incorporated in a memorandum dated April 24, 1934:

"Both Mr. and Mrs. Blunk advised Agent that Margaret Hoffman is a friend of theirs who had formerly resided at East Chicago, Indiana; that they have known her for about five years, having met her in the year of 1929, when Mr. and Mrs. Blunk and Margaret Hoffman, who was then married to John Now, resided at 1021 144th Street, Trumble Apartments, East Chicago; that Margaret Hoffman was divorced from John Now, and is at the present time housekeeper for Emil Heehn, who has a nine-year old son at Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Blunk stated that after they left East Chicago, Indiana, they lost track of Margaret Hoffman, until Blunk's name and picture appeared in the various newspapers throughout the country in connection with the escape of Dillinger from the Crown Point County Jail, and that Margaret Hoffman, who had noticed the name and address of Blunk in the newspapers, started to communicate with them.



The letter written by Margaret Hoffman on April 20, 1934, explained to Mrs. Blunk, whom she addressed as "Dear Rose", what her work consisted of as housekeeper for Emil Heehn, and she intimated in the letter that she thought it would be only a short time until she and Emil Heehn were married; that in addition to acting as housekeeper, she also took care of the books in connection with the Land O'Lakes Garage.

When Agent arrived at the Blunk residence, Mrs. Blunk was just replying to Margaret Hoffman's letter, and had not finished it. She read to Agent what she had said, which consisted of a paragraph thanking Margaret Hoffman for writing them, and had started the second paragraph, advising her that she understood by the papers that Billinger was supposed to have been up in that section of Wisconsin and had shot his way out of a trap."

Mr. Ewald of the Wisconsin News, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, telephoned Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis on April 24, 1934, at which time he advised that some people in Milwaukee had observed four heavily armed men leaving Milwaukee in a westerly direction. It was further stated that some of the informants of Mr. Ewald (who were in a street car) had seen a machine gun resting against the knee of one man and another gun on the rear seat of the car. Special Agent J. J. Waters immediately furnished this information to Special Agent R. G. Gillespie who was at that time in Madison, Wisconsin, and instructed him to transmit it to the Police Department.

At approximately 9:45 A.M. on April 12, 1934, Special Agent A. E. Lockerman telephoned from the Municipal Airport, which he was keeping under surveillance, that on the evening previous an unknown individual telephoned the airport at which time he made reservations for a Mr. Young and a Mrs. Frasier, the full names of whom were not known. These individuals appeared at the airport together on the morning of April 12, 1934, and departed on the 9:00 o'clock American Airways plane for Detroit, Michigan. Agent Lockerman was of the opinion that in view of the circumstances surrounding the securing of reservations it might be advisable to have the Detroit office determine the identity and destination of said individuals. They were described by Agent Lockerman as follows:

Name	Mr. Young
Age	35 to 40 yrs.
Height	5' 8" or 9"
Weight	165 to 175 lbs.
Build	Medium stout
Hair	Dark
Features	Full face
Wearing dark colored overcoat, real light gray hat with almost white band.	

Name	Mrs. Frazier
Age	38 yrs.
Height	5' 6" or 7"
Weight	150 to 155 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark
Wearing dark coat and dark hat.	

The above information was immediately furnished to Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, by telephone.

On April 21, 1934, Mr. H. J. Simpson, who is an applicant for a position as Special Agent in the Division, informed Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis that there is a colored doctor located in Michigan City, Indiana, the name of whom was unknown to him, who is alleged to have administered medical treatment to John Hamilton. It was also stated that Dillinger is supposed to have been treated by this doctor. Mr. Simpson informed Special Agent in Charge Purvis that this information was obtained from a hoodlum and it was believed to be reliable.

Pursuant to instructions from Special Agent in Charge Purvis, Special Agent E. G. Gillespie conducted investigation in Michigan City, Indiana. He was advised by a clerk in Walgreens Drug Store that only one colored doctor was located in Michigan City, and the name of this colored doctor is King S. Jones. From the telephone directory Agent Gillespie learned that the office address of Dr. Jones was 310 1/2 Franklin Street, telephone 611, and that Dr. Jones' home address was 215 East 1st Street, telephone 2078.

Investigation at 310 1/2 Franklin Street revealed that Dr. Jones office is on the second floor, there being three offices at the top of the stairs, one of which is occupied by Dr. Jones, and one by an attorney named T. E. Graves, the other being occupied by a dentist.

Agent Gillespie inquired of three druggists in Michigan City, Indiana, as to who was a good physician, and inquired as to the reputation and reliability of Dr. Jones. In each case Agent was advised that Dr. Jones bore a good reputation and was considered a good doctor. During this investigation Agent Gillespie did not reveal his identity.

Agent Gillespie kept the office of Dr. Jones under surveillance for approximately two hours, from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on April 21, 1934, and saw no person depart or enter who fitted the description of any person wanted in this case.

As indicated in previous reports, Illinois license plates No. 338-557 were issued to one Art Morton, who gave the address "2709 Washington Boulevard," which is the address of the Ansonia Hotel in Chicago.

On April 10, 1934, Special Agents Deaderick, Suran, McLaughlin, Gillespie and Newman conducted investigation at 2709 Washington Boulevard, the address listed for Art Morton at the time he applied for the above mentioned license, covering Ford sedan, motor No. 18517244. This was found to be the Ansonia Hotel. Agent Deaderick and Agent Newman, without disclosing their identities, made inquiry of the clerk on duty relative to Art Morton. The clerk, after looking them over, decided that they probably meant Arthur Martin. He immediately consulted his records relative to this individual and stated that he had checked out of the hotel Sunday night, April 8th, and had left Chicago by aeroplane for New York the same night. These Agents inquired if Martin had left any message and the clerk stated that he had not left a message or a forwarding address of any kind. Inquiry was made as to whether he had left his automobile and the clerk stated that he did not know anything about any automobile this person might have.

Inquiry was also made at Post Office sub-station B, 2231 West Madison Street, which covers the Ansonia Hotel, 2709 Washington Boulevard, and no record could be found of Art Morton or Arthur Martin.

Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, who was stationed at the Municipal Airport, Cicero, Illinois, checked the records of this airport for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 7th to 9th inclusive, but could find no record of any individual by the name of Morton or Martin having engaged transportation to New York.



With reference to the telephone tap installed to cover the telephone calls received at and emanating from 119 West Ontario Street, a conversation was heard by Special Agent J. H. Rice on April 5, 1934, at 2:22 P.M. in which a man calling from 119 West Ontario Street asked for number, New Castle 1376, and spoke to a Mrs. W.D. Bolling. In this conversation he expressed great anxiety to ascertain the whereabouts of a Mr. Foster, saying that he had \$100.00 for him in an Indianapolis bank and that if he did not call for this money he was going to "get us all into trouble". Mrs. Bolling replied that she did not know out to get in touch with Mr. Foster but that possibly "DAD" might know and that she expected Dad home in the evening.

On the morning of April 6, 1934 at 8:10 A.M. while Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe was on duty at this tap, a man calling from 119 West Ontario Street who spoke with a decided German accent, called New Castle 1376 and spoke to Mrs. Bolling, asking her if she knew how to get in touch with Mr. Foster. This man, at no time, gave his name. The conversation beginning, "Did you know anything yet?" He mentioned that he had the money ready for Mr. Foster at a bank, but did not state what bank this was. He also mentioned, during the conversation that Mr. Foster formerly owned a large home on South Park Avenue in Chicago, was a thirty-two degree Mason and has two children at Cincinnati University. He also advised that the police had been looking for Mr. Foster and consequently he, the man calling, and his wife had been bothered by a number of people and that they were all upset over this and were anxious to have it over with. Mrs. Bolling replied that Mr. Foster "left here Monday afternoon at three o'clock" and that she, at one time, knew how to get in touch with him through a drug store but that she does not have this information at the present time and consequently does not know how to communicate with him. She said that "DAD" might know and that Dad would be home about seven o'clock that evening. She asked the man calling to call her again about that time, and he replied that he was not certain that he would be able to call her inasmuch as he and his wife were leaving town for the weekend. Mrs. Bolling then asked him if he and his wife left town every week-end and he said that they did because they were so upset by Mr. Foster and the many inquiries that had been made regarding his whereabouts.

It was learned through the telephone company that New Castle 1376 is assigned to William Bolling, 6342 Newark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.



On April 15, 1934, Special Agents E. H. Reinecke and J. Falkner, made investigation with reference to the information contained in the report of Special Agent A. J. Barn, dated at New York City April 10, 1934, which report had attached to it as an enclosure the safety deposit box key which was found in the apartment of John Hillinger at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Inquiry at the Lincoln Safe Deposit Company, 2806 North Clark St. Chicago, Illinois, which company is a subsidiary of and occupies space in the Broadway Trust and Savings Bank, developed the information that this key was for safety deposit box No. 4555 in the vaults of this company. The key number is 235.

Through Paul J. Scheffers, Vice President and Cashier, and J. Langer, Custodian of Boxes, it was found that this box was rented on March 14, 1934, for one year, on payment of three dollars. It is rented in the name of PATRICIA CHERRINGTON, 1832 Belmont St. Chicago, and the pass word is "June". The records also show that access to the box is available to Mrs. Vera Cherrington, 1832 Belmont St. Key receipt No. 1794 was issued for the key, and the receipt for the three dollars, number 29793 was also issued. A one dollar key deposit was retained together with a thirty cent Government tax on the three dollar rental. The records show further that no one had had access to the box since the day it was rented.

Mr. Scheffers and the attorney for the bank declined access to the box unless served with proper Court order. This matter was submitted to United States Attorney Dwight H. Green, who assigned Assistant U. S. Attorney L. J. Hassaneau to prepare proper search warrant. This was done and said search warrant was issued on April 13 by United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, and served by Deputy U.S. Marshal in the presence of Agents Reinecke and Falkner, as well as officials of the bank.

In the box were found the following articles:

- One Elgin Wrist Watch (ladies), small diamonds around case and eight diamonds in band
- One white gold ladies ring with three diamonds
- One ladies Yellow Gold ring with three diamonds with cluster of diamonds around each diamond

One key deposit receipt #1794, Lincoln Safe Deposit Co., dated 3/14/34.

One rent receipt for the rent of safety deposit box No. 4355;

One brown manila envelope that contained the above jewelry.

Receipt for these articles was given to the safe deposit company by the Deputy United States Marshal, and copy is retained in the Chicago office files.

Special Agent Charles Jenkins, on April 13, 1934, determined at the Elgin Watch Plant, Elgin, Illinois, that ladies wrist watch No. 35023641, which was the number of the wrist watch found in the above safety deposit box had been shipped to the G. D. Peacock Company, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent R. C. Suran on the same day made inquiry of Mr. W. J. Buffington, Vice President, and Mr. R. Heppening of the G. D. Peacock Jewelry Company, 101 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, and ascertained that this wrist watch by the number given had been sold to a Mrs. T. E. Rogers on October 27, 1933, for the sum of \$199.00. No address was given for Mrs. Rogers at the time of the purchase, which indicated that it was a cash sale; neither could a shipping ticket be located for Mrs. Rogers. No other information was available at G. D. Peacocks. The sale was made by salesman No. 12, who according to Mr. Buffington is Mr. G. W. Chatterton, who is presently on a vacation at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He will be interviewed upon his return, as to the possible identity of the purchaser of this watch. When further inquiries are made at G. D. Peacock Company concerning this watch, reference should be made to their register number 7-261-963.

Special Agent Suran also communicated by telephone with the Pawn Shop Detail of the Chicago Police Department, and ascertained that there is no record of this watch having been reported stolen to their department.

On April 24, 1934, Special Agent in Charge William Larson communicated by telephone with Special Agent V. W. Peterson at Chicago, at which time he stated that a telephone call had been received to the effect that the Chief of Police at Findlay, Ohio, had received some information over the broadcasting station at Findlay indicating that Dillinger had shot a policeman in Chicago and was headed toward Muncie, Indiana. The Sheriff's office at Muncie received a report from two policemen advising that they observed a green Ford sedan, about seven miles out

of Muncie, on April 24, 1934, and that the said sedan contained 1934 Michigan license plates, the last numbers of which were "43". The two policemen turned off the road into Muncie and the Ford in question also turned as though going to Muncie, but they suddenly changed their course and went across the highway where they stopped. One man sitting in the car saw a gun in the back seat. There were four men in the mysterious green Ford sedan. The police at Muncie, Indiana, also received calls from Indianapolis, Indiana, and Columbus, Ohio, to the effect that Dillinger was headed toward Muncie. Special Agent in Charge Larson requested that the Chicago office ascertain whether the police in Chicago would verify the information which he received, and stated that he would await advice from the Chicago office.

Special Agent V. W. Peterson immediately communicated by telephone with Chief Storms, Detective Bureau, Chicago Police Department, who is acting Chief of Detectives in the absence of William Schoemaker. Chief Storms stated that he had received no information to the effect that a policeman had been shot in Chicago, but that he would check this and provide further information relative thereto to the Chicago Division office. Special Agent in Charge Purvis was later advised that there was no foundation for the rumor. This information was furnished to Special Agent in Charge Larson, in accordance with his request.

On April 6, 1934, Captain Kearns of the Oak Park Police Department, communicated by telephone with the Chicago Division office, stating that he had received some information relative to a possible hideout of Dillinger and his associates near Aurora, Illinois. Captain Kearns was unable to state at that time whether his information was authentic, but promised to observe the situation and in the event it proved to be worthy of further consideration, he would notify the Chicago office, in order that suitable arrangements could be made to raid the place. On April 7th, Captain Kearns advised the Chicago office that the information which he had previously furnished was not worthy of further investigative consideration.

On Saturday afternoon, April 21, 1934, Special Agent T. J. Mullen called at the Indiana Harbor Station of the East Chicago, Indiana Police Department, and there interviewed Captain Tim O'Neill and Detective Sergeant Martin Zarkovich for the purpose of ascertaining if possible what, if any, information they had received from their informant, [redacted] this man being a paid under-cover informant of the East Chicago, Indiana, Police Department in connection with the escape of Dillinger.



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Captain O'Neill advised Agent Mullen that on Wednesday night, April 18, 1934, [redacted] returned to Indiana Harbor after an absence of several weeks. At that time he was interviewed by Captain O'Neill and officer McNaught, McNaught being well acquainted with [redacted]. Captain O'Neill stated that [redacted] told him that during the past five or six weeks he had been associated with the Dillinger gang, claiming to have seen Dillinger on three different occasions during that time; that the Dillinger mob consisted of Dillinger, Van Meter, Hamilton, [redacted] and a fifth man whom [redacted] knew only as Pete. That he, [redacted] stayed at two or three different addresses in Chicago, and that Dillinger and Hamilton and Van Meter stayed at some other addresses, the addresses and names of streets [redacted] claimed he did not know. That they would get in touch with him from time to time; that [redacted] claimed that when he returned to Indiana Harbor on Wednesday, April 18, 1934, this man, Pete, gave him \$5.00 and took his gun away from him, stating that they did not want to run any chance of having him picked up and having the gun in his possession.

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He further advised that the Dillinger mob had a hideout a short distance out of Warsaw, Indiana, the exact location [redacted] stated he could not advise; that the Dillinger mob had either \$15,000 or \$18,000 worth of negotiable bonds hidden away in some house or bungalow in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the address of which was unknown to him; that this was a house of ill fame and was operated by two or three women whose names he was unable to give; that the Dillinger crowd was running low on money, and it was the intention of the mob to proceed to Fort Wayne, Indiana, in the near future for the purpose of obtaining these bonds and securing cash for them; that he promised to return and advise the Police Department further in connection with these bonds on Saturday morning, April 21, 1934, but that he failed to put in an appearance and the police had not heard anything further from him.

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In this connection, Agent Mullen accompanied Officers O'Neill and Zarkovich to Warsaw, Indiana, on April 25, 1934, for the purpose of interviewing the Sheriff and for the purpose of learning the possible hideout of Dillinger in that vicinity. While on this trip Captain O'Neill advised that early Saturday evening some woman, whose name and description were unknown, drove to the [redacted] residence in Indiana Harbor and that [redacted] left with this woman in a big black sedan, name of car and license number unknown, and that they have not seen or heard of him since. Captain O'Neill is now rather



doubtful as to whether [redacted] was telling them the truth in his alleged Dillinger connections, and he stated that they are exerting every effort possible to locate him and if located, Captain O'Neill advised Agent Mullen that he would satisfy himself beyond any doubt as to whether [redacted] is telling the truth. In this connection, this man "Pete" is more or less a mystery to [redacted] and it may be possible that "Pete" is George Nelson. In this regard, Agent Mullen will proceed to East Chicago, Indiana, for the purpose of ascertaining what, if any, success they had in connection with locating [redacted] and obtain further information as to the true identity and description of "Pete".

The East Chicago, Indiana, Police Department advised that Robert Connors is 30 years old, 5' 8" in height, weighs about 170 pounds, brown hair, medium build, and has been implicated in one or two minor bank robberies; that he has a brother at this time serving a twenty-five year sentence at the Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, for bank robbery; that [redacted] has a reputation of being an expert automobile driver and is said to be one of the best drivers in that section of Indiana.

On April 24, 1934, B. Robertson, radio technician, Ross Radio Stores, Inc., 101 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, called at the Chicago Division office, at which time he was interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Peterson. He stated that on the morning of April 24, 1934, as he was driving along Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, he observed a Ford V-8 tudor sedan; that he passed this car just south of 35th Street on Cottage Grove Avenue; that a woman appeared to be driving the car; that no rear license plates were contained on the car; that the woman who was driving the car acted suspiciously and that her features were those of a man. The woman in question wore large glasses and her hair was pulled down over her face. She wore dark clothes and a hat which was shaped something like a bonnet. Mr. Robertson expressed the opinion that this individual was attempting to prevent other people in passing automobiles from observing her closely and he thought possibly that Dillinger might be effecting his escape by dressing in the clothes of a woman. The car was last seen by Mr. Robertson proceeding in a westerly direction on 30th Street, off South Parkway in Chicago.

On April 25, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Larson called from Detroit and stated that one Mr. Wicksham, a reputable citizen of Detroit, who originally came from Moose Lake, Wisconsin, which is about twenty-five miles from the Little Bohemia Inn where the raid occurred, on April 22, 1934, provided information to the effect that one Charles

Hubbard maintains a resort at Moose Lake and is known to have harbored gangsters and hoodlums from Chicago. Special Agent J. J. Waters communicated by telephone with Inspector Barnes and provided him with the information in question.

67D On April 21, 1934, information was received from confidential informant [redacted] to the effect that John Dillinger contemplated meeting a lady at the Whitcomb Hotel in St. Joseph, Michigan on either April 21 or 22, 1934. As a result thereof, Special Agents J. J. Waters, E. K. McKee, J. J. Metcalfe, J. B. White, W. C. Jamison and J. H. Welles proceeded to St. Joseph, Michigan. Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner was registered at the hotel Whitcomb and was contacted at that place by the above named Agents. A constant surveillance was kept at the Whitcomb Hotel and on the road between Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Michigan. This was the only road by which it was possible to enter St. Joseph from the north. The surveillance was maintained until 1:30 P.M., Sunday, April 22, 1934, at which time Special Agent in Charge E. H. Purvis instructed all Agents except Special Agent Van Wagoner to return immediately to Chicago.

At approximately 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 22, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Purvis received a telephone call from Mr. H. C. W. Laubenheimer, United States Marshal, Chicago, Illinois, during which Mr. Laubenheimer advised that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Henry Voss, who operates the Birchwood Resort at a point approximately fifty miles above Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and that Mr. Voss informed him that his brother-in-law, Emil Wanatka, who operates the Little Bohemia resort, was in possession of certain information concerning the present location of Dillinger and associates. Mr. Voss was immediately communicated with by telephone by Special Agent in Charge Purvis. He stated that seven men and three women had arrived at the resort of Emil Wanatka on the preceding Friday night and that these individuals had in their possession a Buick Coupe bearing 1934 California license plates No. 8-F 1763 and a Ford V-8 sedan bearing 1934 Illinois license plates No. 3-3557. It was also stated that the individuals in question were in possession of another Ford sedan bearing Minnesota license plates, but that it had been impossible to obtain the number thereof. Mr. Voss informed Special Agent in Charge Purvis that Emil Wanatka stated that the Dillinger gang had been sent to him by a friend in Fox River Grove, and it later developed that the individual who recommended Emil Wanatka's place to the Dillinger gang was Louis Cernocky, proprietor



of Louis' Place, Fox River Grove, Illinois. Undercover investigation is now being performed in the vicinity of Louis' Place at Fox River Grove, Illinois.

Immediately upon receipt of the information from Mr. Henry Voss, Agents from St. Paul and Chicago Division offices immediately proceeded to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, by airplane and automobiles. The details of the investigation at Little Bohemia have been furnished to the Division and consequently will not be incorporated in this report. The individual who shot and killed Special Agent W. Carter Baum and wounded Special Agent Newman has been identified as George (Baby-face) Nelson. A thorough investigation is now in progress by the Chicago Division office for the purpose of attempting to locate George (Baby-face) Nelson, complete details of which will be included in a subsequent report.

It may be stated at this point that an examination of the articles recovered from the Dillinger gang at Little Bohemia, Spider Lake, Wisconsin, disclosed that a medicine bottle, which was found among said articles, presumably had been purchased from a drug store called the Lakeview Pharmacy, 3342 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. This information was immediately telephoned to Inspector Clegg at St. Paul.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE, at Schiller Park, Illinois, will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to A. L. Evans, Box 203, Schiller Park. As indicated in the body of this report, Illinois license plates No. 1-046-845 were issued to Mr. Evans for Buick coupe motor No. 2101687, factory No. 2042677. A car bearing the license plates listed above were seen near the new home of the father of Dillinger.

At Chicago, Illinois, will interview G. W. Chatterton, salesman of the C. D. Peacock Jewelry Company, 101 South State Street, Chicago, for the purpose of attempting to ascertain the identity of the purchaser of wrist watch No. 35023641, which was sold to a Mrs. F. E. Rogers on October 27, 1933, for \$190.00. Reference should be made to register No. 7-261-983 of the C. D. Peacock Jewelry Company.

Doorman Weiss, 2440 Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, will be interviewed relative to the holdup of J. Gaskin on March 12, 1934, at which time Lincoln car, engine No. KA 389 was taken from his possession. Mr. Weiss will be questioned concerning whether he can identify Dillinger or associates as the individuals who stole the car.

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THE ST. PAUL DIVISION OFFICE, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, will conduct appropriate investigation at 3342 Hennepin Avenue, with reference to the medicine bottle found in the articles abandoned by Dillinger and associates at Little Bohemia Lodge, Spider Lake, Wisconsin.

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